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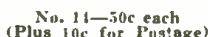


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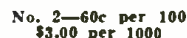
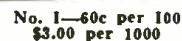
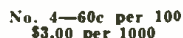
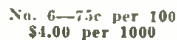


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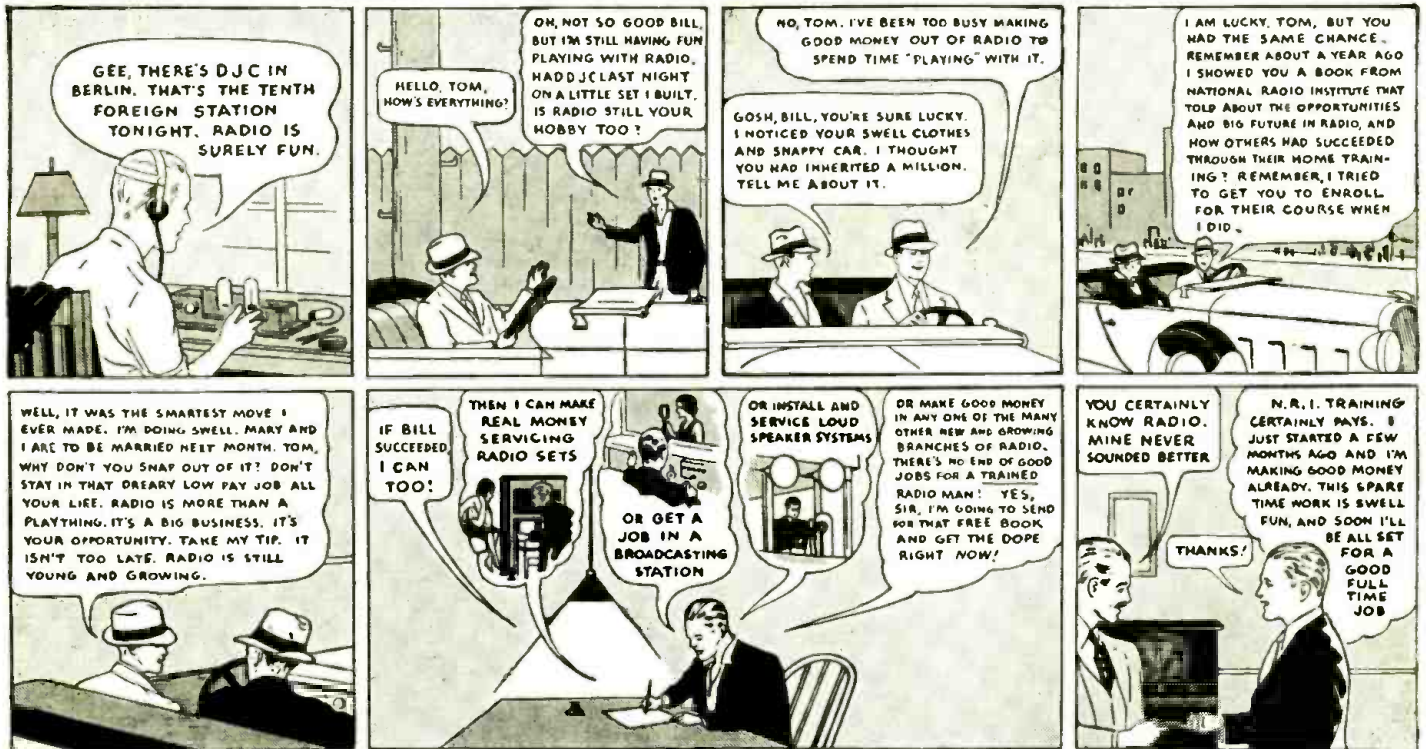
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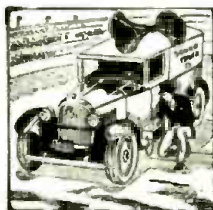


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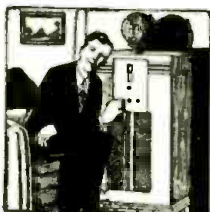
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An Editorial by HUGO GERNSBACK

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In short-wave reception we have, today, close to 10,000 short-wave stations which transmit 'phone or code. The largest and most powerful transmitters are those that send international programs of the entertainment type which can be heard all over the world. Incidentally, it is a peculiarity of short waves that the effectiveness of the transmitter is not realized within about 500 miles of the transmitting station, but becomes apparent as the distance increases (up to a certain point).

However, while the average man associates "short waves" only with the reception of foreign programs, and while no doubt this is their foremost application, newer applications are cropping up every day.

Short-wave transmitters are used, for instance, for commercial purposes such as transatlantic and overseas short-wave telephony. Other radio transmitters are required in the ship-to-shore telephone service. In fact, there are today, 21 passenger liners equipped with short-wave telephone whereby, for a reasonable sum, the passenger at sea may telephone from his own ship to almost any part of the world, via short waves. Then, of course, there are the many thousands of stations operating daily in airplane work, for communication purposes between ground and 'plane, and vice versa. There are also over 50,000 short-wave amateur transmitters scattered all over the world. Most of these use code, but 'phone is on the increase.

An entirely different field of short-wave radio operation is that of "facsimile" transmission, or the sending of photographs and the like. The facilities of such transmitters are being utilized more and more by most of the larger companies. This branch of short-wave radio has been greatly developed in the past few years. Since it is now possible to transmit a photograph from London to New York in the short time of 15 minutes, important press photographs are now flashed across oceans at lightning speed and record reproduction. Witness the recent photo-radio service of the assassination of King Alexander where the actual views of the assassination were published in the morning newspapers in New York within 10 hours after the assassination took place in Marseilles, France.

Television, of course, is accomplished by means of short waves, and while the final word has not yet been spoken, one thing is certain: when we finally have regular television service, it must be via short waves and most probably ultra short waves, or the wavelengths below 6 meters. And here it might be well to state that the further down in the short-wave spectrum we go (the higher the frequency) the less strong becomes static interference until, finally, there is reached a point in the "micro short-wave" band where static is entirely absent. This highly important advantage will be a boon to television because the use of such micro waves will enable us to have images unmarred by static.

Still another application of high-frequency radiations is

found in "radio therapeutics." Less than 10 years ago it was discovered by physicists that short waves could be used to produce artificial fever in patients simply by placing them directly in the field set up between two plates energized by a short-wave transmitter. The artificial fever, which can be controlled accurately, thus is induced in the patient and many diseases are today treated by such short-wave therapy. This particular branch of short-wave radio is still in its infancy, and much work remains to be done.

Many surprising things will come about in this field. One of them, for instance, has to do with the extermination of insect pests whereby the larvae are killed by the direct application of short waves. This can be accomplished right in fields where crops are grown and no doubt this branch of short-wave radio will, in due time, reach vast proportions.

Geo-radio is still another branch of short-wave radio by which geologists and others make use of the versatile short waves to explore the ground for its mineral contents. Nowadays, new mines are no longer discovered by the hit-or-miss procedure, but the prospecting miner uses short-wave radio equipment and systematically explores his terrain by noting the reflection, refraction and absorption of short waves sent out by a miniature, portable transmitter. Excellent results are had by this method, which is always certain, and cheaper in the long run. In this country alone, the Federal Communications Commission set aside wavelengths just for the purpose of radio exploration of this type. Much is to be expected from this branch of radio in the near future.

These items do not by any means exhaust the list because there still are numerous other applications of short waves, many of which have, as yet, no practical value. For instance, down in the micro short wave region, that is, in the spectrum where the wavelengths are only 4 inches (about 10 centimeters) in length, the action of the radiations becomes entirely different. As we all know, the usual short and ultra short waves penetrate brick and wooden buildings just as if they did not exist, but down in the *micro* short waves, conditions suddenly change, when it is no longer possible to send the waves through solid buildings; nor do these waves follow the curvature of the earth as do their sister waves. Indeed, micro waves behave much like light waves, and transmitter and receiver must be in sight of each other—the signals will not ordinarily carry below the horizon.

Senatore Marconi is reported as pursuing experiments toward utilizing these micro waves in "radiodynamics," or the control of mechanical devices at a remote point by means of radio waves. Reports so far received seem to indicate that results as reliable as those obtainable over a regular copper-wire line may be secured by using these "beam" waves, which may be directed like a beam of light.

Still further down, in the micro-wave band we come to a point where the so-called "radio" short waves are no longer really radio at all. Here the frequencies merge into those of heat waves, and behave exactly as such. Very little is known about these borderline waves, and there is no gainsaying that some of our greatest surprises in radio will come in the application of these *microscopic* waves!



# THE RADIO MONTH



The latest move in Germany is the establishment of a huge network of television transmitters for disbursing propaganda.

## HITLER TAKES UP TELEVISION

**W**ITHIN the past month, RADIO-CRAFT has received a report that Chancellor Hitler is preparing a huge network of television stations in Germany which will probably be used as an aid to broadcasting as a medium for disbursing Nazi propaganda.

As mentioned in the report, Hitler's plan includes the making of cheap television sets available throughout the country. This will make Germany the first nation to establish extensive television programs on a large scale.

Short waves will be employed for these transmissions, so that the required number of channels can be obtained. In this way, with numerous stations properly spaced, it is expected that even the outlying districts will be adequately covered.

Television transmitters manufactured by the Baird Television Co. of England are said to have been ordered by the German officials. These transmitters are of special design to cover the conditions required for each individual installation. They include sound facilities as well as the vision units, so that the voices of Hitler and his Nazi orators will be heard, in addition to visualizing the speakers, themselves.

While no actual data is available regarding the type of receivers which

will be merchandised, it is expected that only a single design, approved by the government, will be manufactured by all the manufacturers. This is in line with the present plan in Germany to make "Hitler's own" receiver (a set of small size, and relatively insensitive so that only local programs can be picked up) the distinctive set. Thus, the citizens of Germany will be prevented from hearing the powerful transmitters of Russia and other foreign countries from which undesirable programs might be heard.

## "FINAL" ACTION IN RADIO FEED-BACK CASE

**T**HERE have been so many "final" decisions in the long-drawn-out case between the de Forest and the Armstrong interests regarding who actually invented regeneration that there is no wonder that cries of "wolf, wolf" have been heard from all sides in the radio industry.

It will be remembered (RADIO-CRAFT, August 1934, page 70) that the United States Supreme Court, presided over by Judge Cardozo decided that Lee de Forest was the inventor, and held that de Forest had heard a "clear heterodyne" before Edwin H. Armstrong, then a student at Columbia University, had struck upon the same phenomenon.

Major Armstrong recently petitioned for a rehearing of the case with the object of reversing the Supreme Court ruling, and the latest decision of the court is a denial of that application.

In addition to the legal actions which have taken place, a heated argument has been progressing in the *New York Times*, between Professor Pupin and Dr. de Forest concerning the opinions of the former who has rallied to the support of his colleague, Armstrong. This argument has become heated to the point where many bitter words are being said by both parties involved.

In the latest epistle by Prof. Pupin, over half a column in the *Times*, is devoted to a "tabulation" of the names of famous scientists and radio engineers who take sides with Armstrong. So famous an authority as Dr. Irving Langmuir is quoted as having made the following statement:

"Ever since 1913 when I first learned of your (Armstrong's) pioneering work in this field, I have known the great value of your contributions. On several occasions after that I have had

conversations with de Forest which convinced me that he did not know of or understand the production of radio frequencies by vacuum tubes. I have therefore been amazed at the fact that the highest court has previously upheld the de Forest patent."

Professor Pupin sums up his letter with the following remarks: "The court holds Dr. de Forest to be the inventor; the scientific world is a unit holding Armstrong to be the inventor."—and—"... I have never heard of any scientific opinion of recognized weight supporting the de Forest claims."

"Dr. Langmuir, a recent Nobel Prize man, was one of the claimants of the same invention which was under litigation between Armstrong and de Forest for eighteen years.

"Third, the famous radio engineer, Mr. Round of England, one of Marconi's right-hand men, also sent hearty approval of the decision of the Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit. (Which gave the decision to Armstrong—Ed.) Both these letters appeared in full in the Columbia Alumni News of Sept. 29, 1933.

"Fourth, the very significant fact that Cyril Elwell, who was the chief engineer of the Federal Telegraph Company, the company employing de Forest at the time he claims to have made the invention, supported Armstrong, as did Professor Leonard Fuller, now head of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of California."

It seems that while Dr. de Forest has the upper hand as far as legal proceedings are concerned, he must now vindicate himself in the eyes of Professor Pupin and his supporters. And so the Feed-back case seems no nearer to an end, in one sense, than it has been for the past ten or twelve years.

This is how one of our staff artists visualizes the arguments in and out of court concerning the "regeneration patents."





# IN REVIEW

Radio is now such a vast and diversified art it becomes necessary to make a general survey of important monthly developments. RADIO-CRAFT analyzes these developments and presents a review of those items which interest all.

## RCA MAKES A BUSINESS STATEMENT

**I**F the financial position of the largest radio corporation in the world has any bearing on the condition of the radio business, then their latest financial statement, issued last month, covering the first three quarters of 1934 must give other manufacturers an optimistic outlook for the future.

A glance at the chart shown here, which is reproduced directly from their printed statement, shows that the total gross income for 1934 is well above the same figure for the equivalent period of time in 1933.

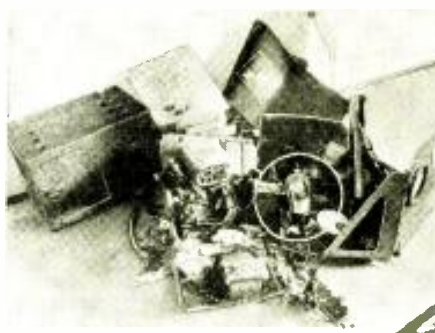
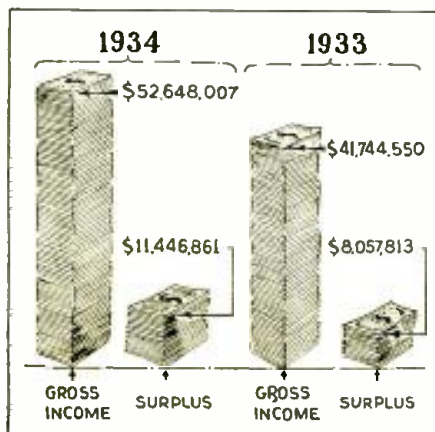
Also, the part of this income which is applied to surplus (the amount left when all deductions have been made—Ed.) has been substantially increased as indicated by the chart.

While these figures do not have a direct bearing on the radio business as a whole, it is safe to assume that it is indicative of a gradual rise out of the depression slump for the majority of radio organizations.

In connection with the Radio Corporation of America, or rather its subsidiary, the RCA Victor Company, which has been extensively advertised as the largest radio manufacturer in the world, we note with interest an advertisement which recently appeared in the *London Times*, in which Phillips Lamps Ltd., a European concern, claims in bold-face letters to be the "world's largest radio manufacturers."

We wonder who is correct? Is RCA Victor or Phillips the world's "largest"?

The Radio Corporation of America is evidently climbing well out of the mire of depression according to these figures.



This is what happens when you drop a radio transmitter from a height of 1 mile.

## STRATOSPHERE RADIO EQUIPMENT

**R**ADIO has played an important part in the numerous flights made recently by scientists in their efforts to learn more about the mysterious cosmic rays. It was more than an ordinary aid to Professor Picard in his flights, and has enabled him to communicate constantly with the ground—thus facilitating the flight and subsequent landing, as well as keeping the ground informed of progress of the scientific investigations.

An interesting result of the recent flight conducted by the National Geographic Society and the Army Air Corps, is found in the photo of the radio equipment shown below. This tiny 8-watt transmitter which was used during the flight was dropped through space a mile or more and was recovered last month by the NBC, which cooperated with the National Geographic Society in broadcasting the signals from the gondola of the balloon.

The battered transmitter which is now on display in the studios at Radio City, illustrates a phenomenal incident. Panels, transformers, resistors, meters, sockets, condensers, and virtually every part with one exception, was completely wrecked by the drop through space. Oddly enough, the one part which remained intact is a vacuum tube. Even the socket in which the tube was mounted was cracked, but the tube, with its fragile glass envelope withstood the shock.

While there is no practical significance to this freak incident one cannot help but wonder whether the fact that present day tubes are made more ruggedly is illustrated by this lone survivor.

## POLICE CAR TALKS TO AUSTRALIA

**I**N A spectacular demonstration, one day last month, engineers in Schenectady, New York, working on a new type of police "prowl" car accomplished two-way telephone conversation with Sydney, Australia, with the cooperation of station W2XAF.

The conversations were carried by ultra-short waves from the car to the control board of WGY and W2XAF, where incoming signals from Australia were also being relayed. By carefully regulating the incoming and outgoing signals the two-way conversations were made possible.

The police car was one of many new developments in police radio which will be first used in Boston, Mass.

A few words about the car and its equipment might be of interest. The car is a light sedan, bearing no evidence of an antenna or other special features. A French-type phone is installed in a convenient position on the instrument panel, while the 8-meter transmitter is located in the rear trunk. The rear bumper is mounted on insulated brackets, and acts as the transmitting aerial.

The receiver is kept in operation at all times, according to regular "police practice." When the car is called by headquarters and the 'phone is lifted from its hook, the mobile transmitter, on a different wavelength from the one at headquarters begins to function immediately. This method permits "duplex" conversations between the

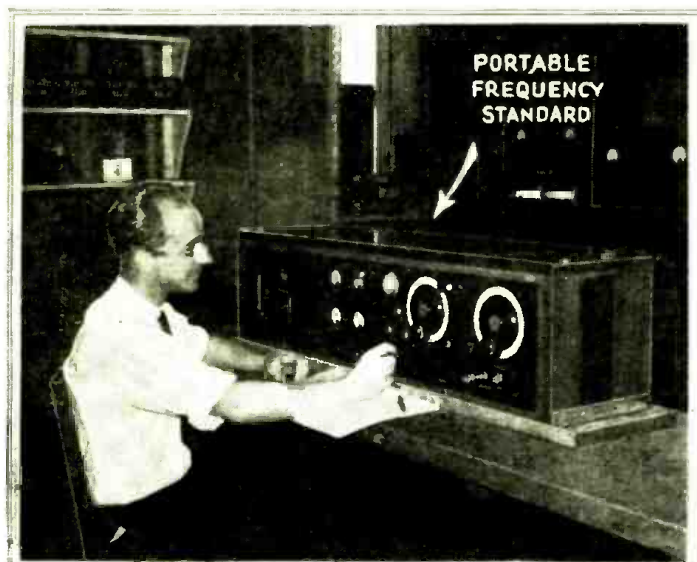
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An engineer at Schenectady, N.Y., talking to Australia from a new type of police car.





# SHORT-WAVE RADIO PICTORIAL



TO facilitate the work of policing the numerous channels throughout the broadcast and short-wave bands, the Federal Communications Commission has just purchased six of the devices shown above. These portable frequency monitors are designed for use in special trucks which travel around the country checking the accuracy of tuning of the various broadcasting stations. Each of these consists of a highly stabilized quartz crystal oscillator, a harmonic generator and a radio receiver. They are accurate to three parts in a million.

CONTRARY to popular understanding in the U.S., radio amateurs across the "big pond" are showing much interest in ultra-short waves. The interesting photo on the right depicts an elaborate mobile installation of an English amateur (G5BY). The "rig" consists of a 5 meter transmitter and receiver, each with a separate aerial for duplex transmission. The transmitter is mounted at one end of the box, while the receiver occupies the other end. The antenna poles can be removed while the car is in motion.

THERE seems to be no limit to the height of frequency which can be utilized for radio communication. Several years ago, transmission on 5 meters was a most unusual and mystifying study, and was utilized mostly for spectacular demonstrations and laboratory experiments—today it is used for commercial communication. The photo below shows an apparatus set up in the Bell Telephone Laboratories for transmitting and receiving waves of 60 centimeters which is equivalent to about 24 inches. The specially designed receiver has 4 tuned circuits for detector tuning.

Photos: Westinghouse; Wireless World; Bell Tel. Labs.



TO the "round the world" flier, whether he contemplates a speed record or simply a leisurely flown tour, radio communication is perhaps the most essential and most used instrument on the plane. This was realized by Dr. R. U. Light, who recently started on a flight in a Bellanca monoplane equipped with two-way radio equipment.

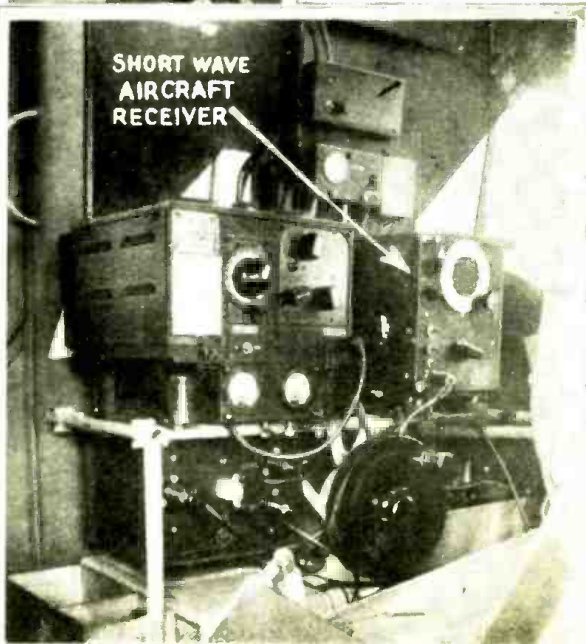
The transmitter is rated at 75 watts and covers the complete range of frequencies of 330 to 14,000 kc. The receiver is also of the wide range variety by the use of a special coil changing mechanism. All of the equipment, including the transmitter operated from the plane's 12 volt storage battery.

Photo: Westinghouse.

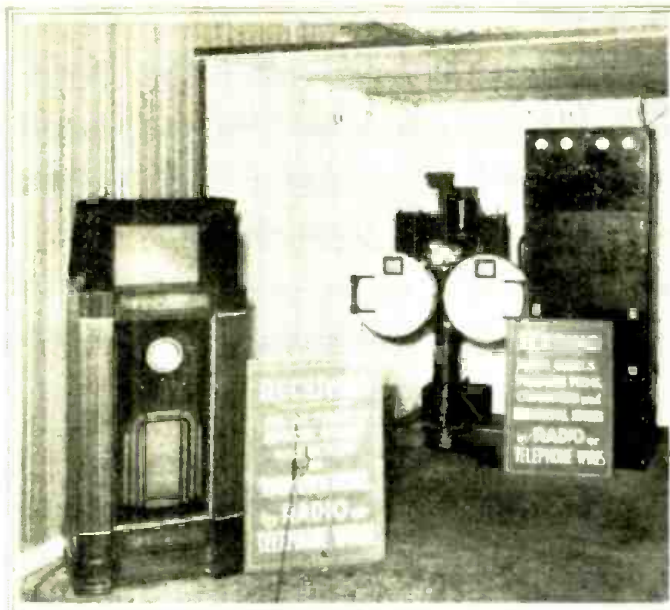


HERE is another use for ultra-short waves. The Japanese government is at present trying to introduce radio telephony on the important railways, for signaling and communication to nearby towns and cities for the convenience of passengers. The photo above illustrates some of the experiments which were conducted recently in duplex transmission and reception. Note the apparatus.

Photo: A. N. Mirzoeff.







**T**ELEVISION, as a commercial product—to be used and enjoyed as a source of entertainment by the general public—is fast approaching that stage of development where actual instruments will be sold in stores. This fact was brought out recently, at the New York Radio and Electric Show—where the instruments shown above were demonstrated. A more complete description of the technicalities attached to this system for sending and receiving pictures appeared in the December, 1934, issue of RADIO-CRAFT, page 330. The receiving set appears at the left in the above photo, while the transmitting devices are at the right.



**T**HE two photos, above and to the left, show a new installation just completed in Paris, for providing radio aid to the Prefecture of Police. The transmitting car, with its large aerial structure is shown above, while one of the patrol cars equipped with receiving apparatus appears at the left.

While this installation is, no doubt, a distinct departure from previous practices of the police department of that metropolis, we cannot help but remark at the antique appearance of the auto receiver, with its large cabinets for speaker and set, and the pretentious appearance of the aerial of the transmitter equipped truck. A comparison of recent photos of American police radio installations, which have appeared in RADIO-CRAFT, and these pictures, indicate how far advanced is American equipment.

The incident shown in these photos is the inauguration of the new cars, in the courtyard of the Prefecture of Police.

**T**HE Radio Doctor has made his appearance in far off Australia. In the isolated mission stations and settlements "out" from Cloncurry, it often took weeks to get a message through, by water or land. Now, when medical aid is needed, the radio equipped planes of the Aerial Medical Service can reach a patient in a matter of hours. The photo below shows the flying doctor attending a patient, while in the picture at the right is one of the short-wave transmitters in actual use.

Photos Wireless Weekly.



**D**R. CARL SPITZ, inventor of the device appearing at the right, is shown explaining its operation. It is a recorder designed to indicate constantly the exact location of an airplane in flight. A small light, actuated by short-wave radio signals moves across a strip map of the plane's route, thus keeping track of its movements. The device is intended to eliminate some of the hazards of blind flying for mail and transport lines. Some of the equipment is seen behind the inventor.

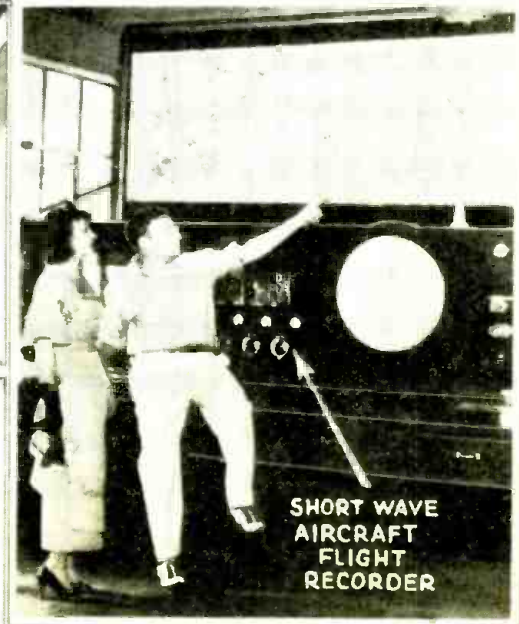






Fig. A  
High-fidelity piano music broadcasts aided by a crystal mike.

# HI-FIDELITY ON

There is a high-fidelity broadcasting station, operating on 1550 kc.—just below the broadcast band, which is aiding listeners in obtaining lifelike reproduction. This station, W2XR, is blazing new trails with daily broadcasts that cover the entire audio frequency range. Its marvelous quality is causing nation-wide comment, and this may be attributed to the unusually high standard of equipment employed, besides the unusual precautions to ensure high quality.

IN THIS present era of high-fidelity one hears much about new receiver design which will permit the attainment of the ultimate in radio reproduction, but little regarding the broadcaster's efforts to aid in this respect. While a 14-year period of radio broadcasting development has given the average listener-in much to be grateful for, there has always been that feeling (when listening to the majority of stations) that there is something lacking to lend realism to the quality of the broadcasts. This may be attributed to: the tonal (audio frequency) range of the transmitting equipment; the government's regulations in regard to adherence, within 10 kc, of the frequency assigned to the broadcast station (see "Problems in High-Fidelity Design," December 1934. RADIO-CRAFT); and, by no means least of all, the receiving set which, with the exception of the new high-fidelity receivers, restricts the reproduction to below high-fidelity level.

These limitations permit only a frequency range of from 20 to 5,000 cycles (maximum) to be broadcast and received. Since it has been definitely

ascertained that realism in reproduction can only be attained when high-fidelity is attained, and, also, inasmuch as high-fidelity reproduction can be obtained when frequencies upwards of 10,000 cycles (at least up to 7,500 cycles) are broadcast, received, and reproduced—realism or natural reproduction becomes contingent upon whether these conditions are satisfied. With manufacturers now producing high-fidelity receivers, the listener may wonder where the required "wide-range" broadcasts may be obtained.

Such a station is in existence in New York City; its call letters are W2XR, and its daily high-fidelity broadcasts have been amazing to all who have listened to this station. (The station is really a vast research laboratory where Mr. Hogan and a large staff of engineers are putting the finishing touches on their facsimile and television devices, as well as the high-fidelity broadcasting.)

Broadcasting on 1,550 kc. (193.5 meters, just below the broadcast band), and authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to use a chan-

nel 20 kc. wide, this station has a flat frequency characteristic from 20 to over 15,000 cycles, handling at least  $9\frac{1}{2}$  octaves of the musical scale! The quality of the broadcasts from this station is so uncanny that it completely upsets preconceived ideas of high-fidelity and, because of the favorable comment, three other stations with similar equipment are now under construction (one each) in California, Missouri, and Connecticut. John V. L. Hogan, noted engineer and past-president of the Institute of Radio Engineers, developed W2XR which is destined to make history as *the first real, licensed high-fidelity broadcast station in the world!*

So complete is the equipment, and of such fine engineering design, that amongst the radio engineering fraternity this station is considered as being a model installation. No ordinary type of microphone or auxiliary pick-up device is employed. Crystal microphones are employed exclusively, and the "wide-range" response of this type of unit is an established fact. In Fig. A the studio can be seen and the crystal microphone on a stand, at the extreme

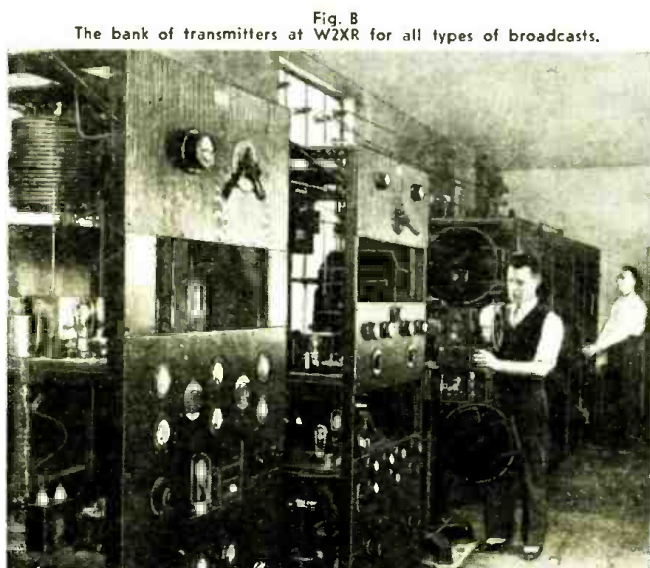


Fig. B  
The bank of transmitters at W2XR for all types of broadcasts.

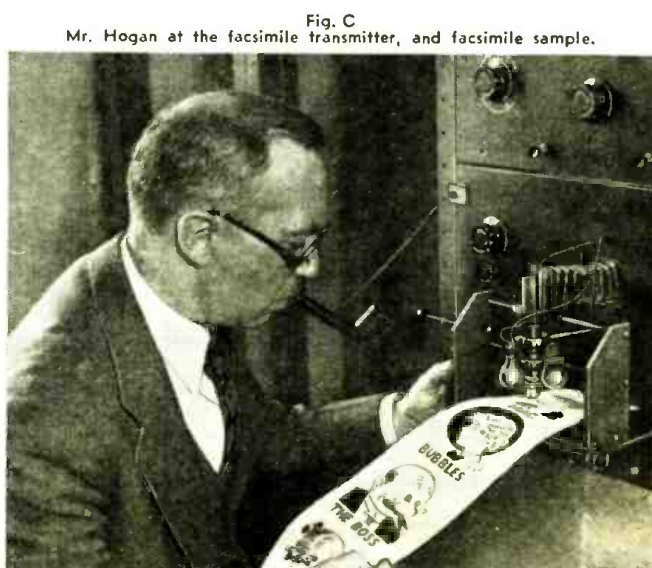


Fig. C  
Mr. Hogan at the facsimile transmitter, and facsimile sample.



# SHORT WAVES

No hit-or-miss methods, or conventional design will be found in this station. Results are obtained only through sound engineering, good design, and continuous research towards improving the quality of transmission. The station is equipped, in addition to the regular quality broadcasting paraphernalia, for facsimile and television transmission. Only crystal microphones and pickups, resistance-coupled amplifiers, and cathode ray tubes for monitoring, are employed.



Fig. D  
Visual and audible monitoring, with Mr. A. A. Barber, sound engineer.

right, picking-up piano notes for broadcasting. So lifelike is the transmission that even on an ordinary receiver the quality of reproduction is superior to that of ordinary broadcasts. With a high-fidelity set the reproduction becomes so realistic that the listener actually feels that he is present in the studio.

While the station is licensed to use 1,000 W. it only broadcasts 350 W. of power. Nevertheless, it is heard at very great distances, Seattle, Washington, as well as all through the middle west, reporting excellent quality and reception. The bank of transmitters in this station (W2XR) is shown in Fig. B. (Note the motion picture projector in the foreground, used for television broadcasts of motion picture film. The equipment necessary for transmitting television impulses must be of an exceedingly "wide-range" nature, generally from 15 to over 50,000 cycles.) The equipment, as seen in this photo, from left to right, are: high-fidelity transmitter (1,550 kc.), television transmitter (2,050 kc., designed for modulation of 50 kc. each side), sound-

movie projector, ultra-short wave transmitter (46 megacycles or approximately 6.3 meters), and a facsimile and television transmitter (2,500 kc.).

From the description given thus far, it can readily be seen that W2XR differs greatly from most radio broadcast stations. Few, if any, have so versatile an array of equipment. Some few months ago Mr. Hogan demonstrated to an amazed engineering group an exceedingly simple facsimile receiving and transmitting system (described in July 1934 RADIO-CRAFT, "The Radio Pen," page 13). Its applications are multitudinous and can be employed, if desired, along with broadcast talks to illustrate certain essential points. However, at the present time the equipment is applied only to commercial use. An idea as to the simplicity of the transmitter, apparatus, and a sample of the pictures it can send out into the ether, may be gained by reference to Fig. C. Mr. Hogan is shown operating the machine, a duplicate of which is being installed at Station WTMJ in Milwaukee.

The high-fidelity broadcasting from

this station is not the result of hit-or-miss methods, but rather due to sound engineering, good design, and long research. The combination of crystal microphones, phonograph, pickups, resist-

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Fig. F  
A control panel for correcting the deficiencies in recordings.

Photos: Halbran

Fig. E  
The equipment for phonograph renditions using crystal pickups.

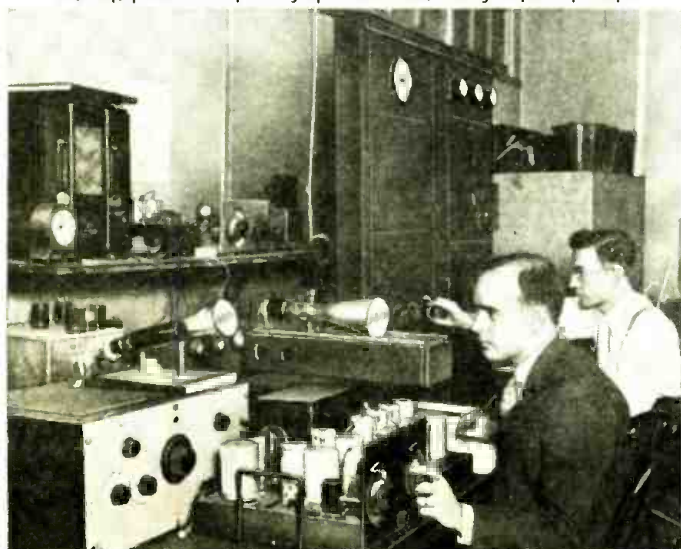
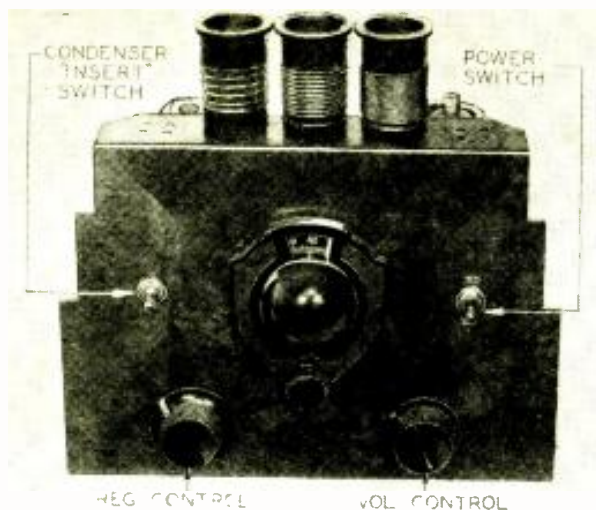


Fig. G  
Daily quality tests are made on the equipment by means of tuning forks.







# HOW TO BUILD THE "FOUR-IN-TWO" SHORT-WAVE ELECTRIC SET

This amazing little short-wave and broadcast set incorporates the functions and possesses the efficiency of four tubes, yet uses only two. It is remarkably simple and economical to construct.

J. T. BERNSELY

**I**T WAS with the realization that short-wave set constructors preferred a set that is economical to build and operate, and employs a minimum of tubes with a maximum of efficiency, that this receiver was designed. Before discussing the relative merits of the circuit, and the theory involved, it would undoubtedly be of greater interest to the constructor to learn, first, just what this set can do. Well, in the first place, it will operate a loud-speaker (magnetic, or permanent magnet dynamic types) on most signals transmitted within a radius of 750 miles.

On broadcast tests, conducted in a steel office building in New York City, stations 1,500 miles away were brought in with fair loudspeaker volume.

On short waves police calls all over the country were more than comfortably heard on the loudspeaker. At the time the receiver was completed and first tested some police stations in the middle west were tuned in. On that particular night they were extremely active and engaged in pursuing the late Dillinger. It was a distinct thrill to listen-in on the various stations in numerous cities who were cooperating in this almost nation-wide man hunt.

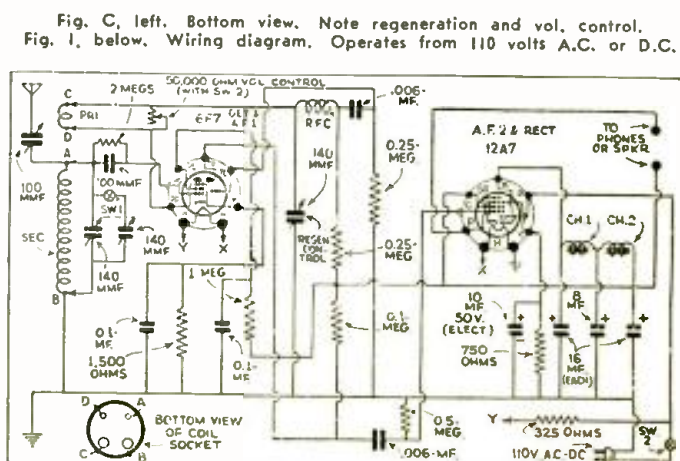
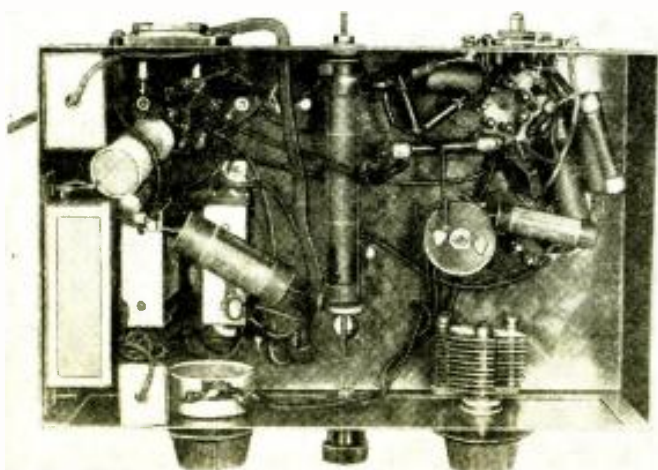
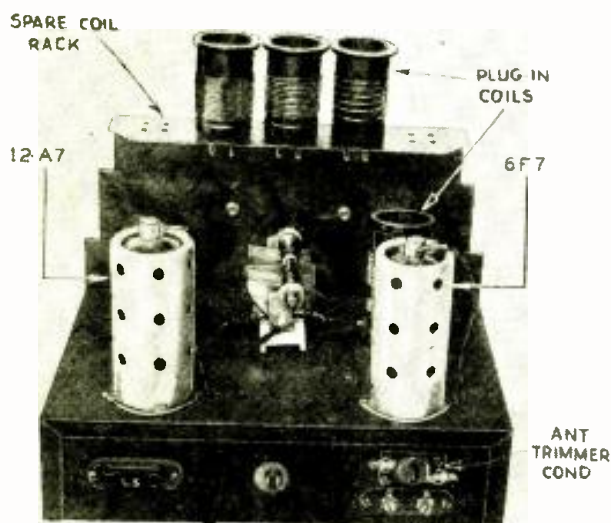
Foreign broadcasts, on short waves, were received from numerous countries. At the time of these tests LSY in Argentina, South America, was heard with good loudspeaker volume. Also YV3RC, in Venezuela, with exceptionally good volume. DJC, in Berlin, Germany, was tuned in (on loudspeaker) consistently for several weeks. Amateur radiophone stations in abundance, to delight any ham or other interested listener, were received in the various bands assigned to amateur phone communication.

Using only two tubes, and of the most unique types that have ever been produced, it is possible to obtain full four-tube results. The set is distinctly designed for electric operation, either 110 V. D.C., or A.C. (of any frequency), but only this combination of tubes, as will be explained later, will permit such operation—and the equivalent performance of four tubes. By using conventional plug-in coils the complete short-wave range of from 15 to 200 meters is covered.

## Broadcast Reception, Too!

However, the necessity for ever-changing coils to cover various wave-bands is reduced considerably by a special feature included within the tuning circuit. This consists

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# THE LATEST IN POLICE RADIO RECEIVERS

New miniature police receivers may antedate present cumbersome models. The new sets are extremely small, light, and efficient.



**A** PORTABLE radio receiver designed for use by patrolmen and mounted police has been perfected by Sol J. Levy, of New York City.

Weighing only 3½ pounds, the five tube super receiver delivers loudspeaker volume on police broadcasts.

The receiver is made in three styles for patrolmen, for motorcycle men, and for mounted police.

The motorcycle model operates from the 6 volt storage battery supply of the motorcycle, the plate voltage being supplied by a small motor-generator mounted on the motorcycle supplying 225 volts.

The receiver proper weighs only 1½ pounds and is mounted on the driver's belt. It is easily removable

without taking the belt off and can instantly be mounted on a bracket provided for it on the handle-bars of the motorcycle.

The loudspeaker for the motorcycle model is also mounted on the handle-bars. A female plug in front of the rider on the machine connects the set speaker and batteries; plugging in the cord instantly puts the set and speaker into operation.

The receiver has excellent sensitivity, being tuned to a fixed wave to include only the police calls desired. It has an output of 3 watts and can be clearly heard above traffic noises.

The antenna for the motorcycle model is comprised of metal tubing mounted on the handle-bars, and to the

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The complete equipment of the personal set.



## NEW SHORT-WAVE LINK TO BYRD

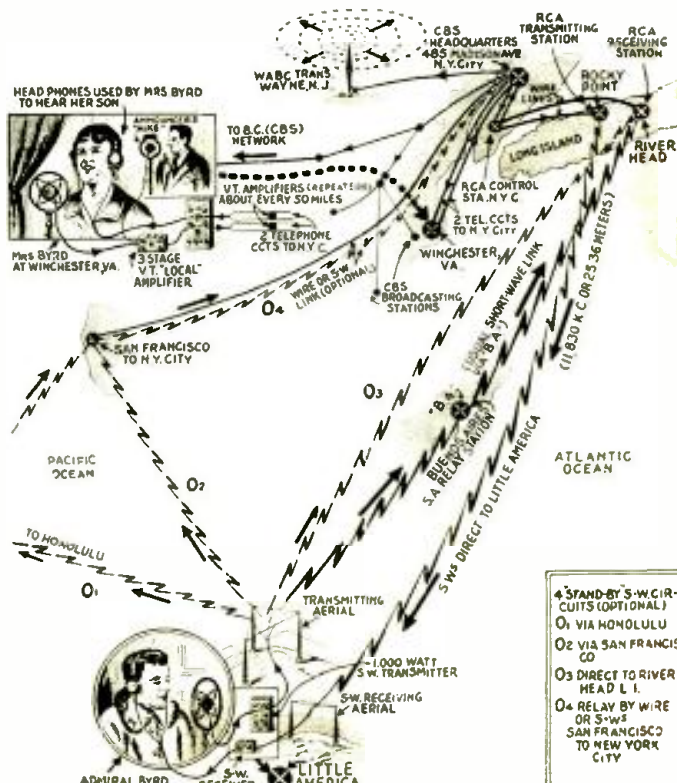
How the air-waves were made to travel when Byrd talked.

**S**HORT waves carried a two-way conversation between Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd and his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Bolling Byrd, over the ten thousand miles of space separating Winchester, Virginia, and Little America. This interesting exchange of greetings between Mrs. Byrd and her illustrious son took place on October 17, during the weekly broadcasts with Little America conducted by the WABC-Columbia broadcasting network.

The voice of the Admiral's mother was plainly heard by millions of listeners when she said: "I am thrilled to hear that you are back in Little America again safe and sound." This sentence and a number of others were carried to the Admiral via the powerful 20 kilowatt short-wave transmitting station of the RCA system located at Rocky Point, Long Island. The wavelength used to transmit the voice to and from Little America was 25.6 meters or a frequency of 11,830 kc.

One of the most interesting and little known facts concerning these broadcast programs carried over the CBS network from Little America is the fact that there are three short-wave "stand-by" circuits always ready to pick up the voice from Little America and bring it to New York. Ordinarily the short-wave signals from Little America, via Buenos Aires, South America, are amplified, the short waves being picked up on a receiver and immediately passed through a powerful S-W. transmitter at Buenos Aires, whence they are again flung northward with the speed of light, and intercepted at the RCA receiving station at Riverhead, Long Island. Here the signals are picked up on a special receiver and suitably amplified through sev-

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# SHORT-WAVE STATIONS OF THE WORLD

A list of the important short-wave phone stations throughout the world listed according to frequency. Stations are classified as follows:  
B—Broadcast Service. C—Commercial Phone. X—Experimental Transmissions.

Call Letters	Location	Freq. (kc.)	Wave-length (meters)	Service	Call Letters	Location	Freq. (kc.)	Wave-length (meters)	Service	Call Letters	Location	Freq. (kc.)	Wave-length (meters)	Service
XGBA	Shanghai, China	21550	13.92	B	I2RO	Rome, Italy	11810	25.40	B	HKE	Bogota, Colombia	7220	41.55	B
VK3LR	Lynnhurst, Australia	21540	13.93	B	OER3	Vicenza, Austria	11801	25.42	B	HJ4ABB	Manizales, Colombia	7210	41.60	B
WSXK	Pittsburgh, Pa.	21540	13.93	B	W1XAL	Boston, Mass.	11790	25.45	B	YV2AM	Maracaibo, Venezuela	7200	41.60	B
NAA	Washington, D. C.	21500	13.95	B	T1TR	San Jose, Costa Rica	11790	25.45	B	OA4B	Lima, Peru	7160	42.00	B
FYA	Paris, France	21490	13.96	B	F3ICD	Saigon, Indo-China	11780	25.46	B	HJ4ABB	Manizales, Colombia	7140	42.02	B
GSH	Daventry, England	21470	13.97	B	DJD	Berlin, Germany	11760	25.51	B	LUSCZ	Buenos Aires, Argentine	7080	42.37	B
W1XAL	Boston, Mass.	21460	13.98	B	GSD	Daventry, England	11750	25.53	B	HJ1ABE	Cartagena, Colombia	7000	42.86	B
WKK	Lawrenceville, N. J.	21420	14.01	C	HRB	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	11740	25.55	B	LCL	Jeloy, Norway	6990	42.92	B
LSN6	Hurlingham, Argentine	21020	14.20	C	RRRR	Tachkent, U. S. S. R.	11740	25.55	B	EAR110	Madrid, Spain	6977	43.00	B
LSY	Monte Grande, Argentine	20700	14.49	C	NAA	Washington, D. C.	11730	25.58	B	GDS	Rugby, England	6905	43.45	C
GAA	Rugby, England	20380	11.72	C	PHI	Huizen, Holland	11730	25.58	B	KEL	Bolinas, Calif.	6860	43.70	X
LSG	Monte Grande, Argentine	19990	15.08	C	CJRX	Winnipeg, Canada	11720	25.60	B	WOA	Lawrenceville, N. J.	6755	44.41	C
WKN	Lawrenceville, N. J.	19820	15.14	C	FYA	Paris, France	11720	25.60	B	BC2RL	Guayaquil, Ecuador	6676	44.93	B
EAQ	Aranjuez, Spain	19720	15.21	B	VE9DR	Winnipeg, Canada	11720	25.60	B	F8KR	Constantine, Algeria	6667	45.00	B
LSN5	Hurlingham, Argentine	19650	15.27	C	VE9JR	Winnipeg, Canada	11715	25.60	B	H2RL	Guayaquil, Ecuador	6666	45.00	B
LSF	Monte Grande, Argentine	19600	15.31	C	FYA	Paris, France	11710	25.63	B	YNCRG	Granada, Nicaragua	6664	45.00	B
WOP	Ocean Gate, N. J.	19380	15.48	C	KIO	Kaluku, Hawaii	11680	25.68	X	IAC	Piza, Italy	6650	45.10	C
WKF	St. Assise, France	19350	15.50	C	CT3AQ	Funchal, Madeira	11180	26.83	B	PRADO	Riohamba, Ecuador	6620	45.30	B
GAP	Lawrenceville, N. J.	19220	15.60	C	GBM	Rugby, England	10770	27.85	C	RW72	Moscow, U. S. S. R.	6611	45.38	B
GAQ	Rugby, England	19160	15.66	C	JVM	Nazaki, Japan	10740	27.93	C	REN	Moscow, U. S. S. R.	6610	45.38	B
PLE	Rugby, England	18970	15.81	C	WNB	Lawrenceville, N. J.	10675	28.10	C	HJ5ABD	Manizales, Colombia	6500	46.14	B
GAX	Bandoeng, Java	18830	15.93	C	JVN	Nazaki, Japan	10660	28.14	C	HJ1ABB	Barranquilla, Colombia	6447	46.83	B
GAU	Rugby, England	18680	16.06	X	FBY	Paris, France	10578	28.36	B	HJ3A	Barranquilla, Colombia	6425	46.70	B
FZS	Rugby, England	18620	16.11	C	WOK	Lawrenceville, N. J.	10550	28.44	C	W3XL	Bound Brook, N. J.	6425	46.70	X
WLA	Saigon, Indo-China	18345	16.35	C	GBX	Rugby, England	10530	28.49	X	HIZ	Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.	6320	47.50	B
GAS	Lawrenceville, N. J.	18340	16.36	C	VLK	Sydney, Australia	10525	28.50	B	HJ3ABF	Bogota, Colombia	6275	47.81	B
FTO	Rugby, England	18310	16.38	C	YBG	Medan, Sumatra	10430	28.76	C	H11A	Santiago, Dom. Rep.	6272	47.84	B
GAW	St. Assise, France	18250	16.43	C	XGW	Shanghai, China	10420	28.79	C	HJ3ABF	Bogota, Colombia	6250	48.00	B
PMC	Rugby, England	18200	16.48	C	KES	Bolinas, Calif.	10410	28.80	X	OCN	Lima, Peru	6235	48.10	B
LSY3	Bandoeng, Java	18135	16.54	C	PKD	Kootwijk, Holland	10410	28.80	C	CJRO	Winnipeg, Canada	6150	48.78	B
GAB	Monte Grande, Argentine	18115	16.56	C	LSX	Monte Grande, Argentine	10350	28.99	C	YV3BC	Caracas, Venezuela	6150	47.87	B
PCV	Rugby, England	18040	16.63	C	ORK	Ruyselede, Belgium	10330	29.04	B	KZRM	Manila, P. I.	6140	48.86	B
GSG	Kootwijk, Holland	17810	16.84	C	LSL2	Hurlingham, Argentine	10300	29.13	C	W3XK	Pittsburgh, Pa.	6140	48.86	B
W3XAL	Daventry, England	17790	16.86	B	PMN	Bandoeng, Java	10260	29.24	C	ZGE	Kula Lumpur, Fed. Malay States	6135	48.90	B
W3XK	Bound Brook, N. J.	17780	16.87	B	LSK3	Hurlingham, Argentine	10250	29.27	C	JB	Johannesburg, U. of South Africa	6122	49.00	B
W3XF	Saxonburg, Pa.	17780	16.87	B	PSH	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	10220	29.35	C	ITJ	Johannesburg, U. of South Africa	6122	49.00	B
W3XAA	Downer's Grove, Ill.	17780	16.87	B	ZFB	Hamilton, Bermuda	10055	25.57	C	NAA	Washington, D. C.	6120	49.02	B
FYA	Chicago, Ill.	17780	16.87	B	LSN	Buenos Aires, Argentine	9990	30.03	B	OQU	Basankusu, Bel. Congo	6120	49.02	B
PHI	Paris, France	17775	16.88	B	GSU	Rugby, England	9950	30.15	C	PKIWK	Bandoeng, Java	6120	49.02	B
DJE	Huizen, Holland	17775	16.88	B	LSN	Hurlingham, Argentine	9890	30.33	C	RKOM	Dnepropetrovsk, U.S.S.R.	6120	49.02	B
IAC	Berlin, Germany	17760	16.89	B	WON	Lawrenceville, N. J.	9870	30.40	C	W2XE	Wayne, N. J.	6120	49.02	B
HSP	Piza, Italy	17760	16.89	C	EAQ	Aranjuez, Spain	9860	30.43	B	F3LCD	Saigon, Fr. Indo-China	6116	49.02	B
W3XL	Bangkok, Siam	17740	16.91	C	JYS	Tokio, Japan	9840	30.49	X	HJ1ABD	Cartagena, Colombia	6116	49.02	B
HAS5	Bound Brook, N. J.	17310	17.33	X	LSE	Monte Grande, Argentine	9800	30.61	C	YV2RC	Caracas, Venezuela	6112	49.08	B
WOO	Szekesfehervar, Hungary	17130	17.51	B	WOF	Rugby, England	9790	30.64	C	EAQ	Aranjuez, Spain	6110	49.10	B
WOY	Ocean Gate, N. J.	17120	17.52	C	GCA	Lawrenceville, N. J.	9750	30.77	C	VE3HX	Halifax, N. S., Canada	6110	49.10	B
GBC	Lawrenceville, N. J.	17120	17.52	C	CT1AA	Rugby, England	9710	30.89	C	VUC	Calcutta, India	6110	49.10	B
WLK	Rugby, England	17080	17.56	C	XETE	Lisbon, Portugal	9600	31.25	B	YV1BC	Caracas, Venezuela	6110	49.10	B
WOG	Lawrenceville, N. J.	16270	18.44	C	HBL	Mexico City, Mex.	9600	31.25	B	HJ1ABD	Cartagena, Colombia	6100	49.18	B
FZK3	Ocean Gate, N. J.	16270	18.44	C	K2ME	Geneva, Switzerland	9590	31.27	B	W3XAL	Bound Brook, N. J.	6100	49.18	B
FTK	Saigon, Indo-China	16233	18.48	C	PCJ	Sydney, Australia	9590	31.28	B	W3XF	Downer's Grove, Ill.	6100	49.18	B
LSL	St. Assise, France	15880	18.90	C	TIRA	Hilversum, Holland	9590	31.28	B	VE3GW	Bowmanville, Canada	6095	49.22	B
JYT	Hurlingham, Argentine	15810	18.98	C	W3XAU	Cartago, Costa Rica	9590	31.28	B	OXY	Skamlebak, Denmark	6090	49.26	B
HC1FG	Kemikawa-Cho, Chikiken, Japan	15760	19.04	X	GSC	Newtown Square, Pa.	9590	31.28	B	VE3JB	Saint John's, N. B.	6090	49.26	B
HAS3	Riohamba, Ecuador	15410	19.47	B	VK3LR	Daventry, England	9585	31.30	B	VE3GW	Bowmanville, Canada	6090	49.26	B
CT1AA	Szekesfehervar, Hungary	15370	19.52	B	XGBD	Melbourne, Australia	9580	31.32	B	CP5	La Paz, Bolivia	6080	49.34	B
W2XAD	Lisbon, Portugal	15350	19.55	B	KZRM	Shanghai, China	9579	31.32	B	TIRA	Cartago, Costa Rica	6080	49.34	B
CP7	Schenectady, N. Y.	15330	19.56	B	SRI	Calcutta, India	9575	31.33	B	W3XAA	Chicago, Ill.	6080	49.34	B
FYA	La Paz, Bolivia	15300	19.60	B	W1XAZ	Manila, P. I.	9570	31.35	B	OER2	Vienna, Austria	6072	49.41	B
W2XE	Paris, France	15295	19.61	B	W3XK	Posen, Poland	9570	31.35	B	EAQ	Madrid, Spain	6070	49.42	B
EAQ	Wayne, N. J.	15270	19.65	B	VUB	Millis, Mass.	9570	31.35	B	OXY	Skamlebak, Denmark	6070	49.42	B
W1XAL	Aranjuez, Spain	15265	19.65	B	DJA	Saxonburg, Pa.	9570	31.35	B	VE3CS	Vancouver, Canada	6070	49.42	B
FYA	Boston, Mass.	15250	19.67	B	NAA	Bombay, India	9565	31.36	B	YV5RMO	Maracaibo, Venezuela	6070	49.42	B
VK3LR	Paris, France	15243	19.68	B	LKJ1	Berlin, Germany	9560	31.38	B	HIX	Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.	6065	49.46	B
WSXK	Lyndhurst, Australia	15230	19.70	B	EAQ	Washington, D. C.	9550	31.41	B	SASH	Motala, Sweden	6065	49.46	B
DJB	Pittsburgh, Pa.	15210	19.72	B	LCL	Jeloy, Norway	9550	31.41	B	OSC	Boende, Belgium Congo	6060	49.50	B
GSH	Königsbrunn, Ger.	15200	19.74	B	YNA	Managua, Nicaragua	9530	31.48	C	OXY	Skamlebak, Denmark	6060	49.50	B
NAA	Daventry, England	15140	19.82	B	OXY	Schenectady, N. Y.	9530	31.48	C	VQ7LO	Nairobi, Kenya, Africa	6060	49.50	B
HVJ	Washington, D. C.	15130	19.83	B	GSB	Skamlebak, Denmark	9520	31.51	B	W3XAU	Newtown Square, Pa.	6060	49.50	B
DJL	Vatican City, Italy	15120	19.84	B	VK3ME	Daventry, England	9510	31.55	B	W3XAL	Cincinnati, Ohio	6060	49.50	B
KAY	Königsbrunn, Ger.	15055	19.92	C	PRF5	Melbourne, Australia	9510	31.55	B	ZL2ZX	Wellington, New Zealand	6060	49.50	B
HJB	Manila, P. I.	14980	20.03	C	YV3BC	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	9500	31.58	B	GSA	Daventry, England	6050	49.59	B
WMN	Bogota, Colombia	14960	20.07	C	SRI	Caracas, Venezuela	9500	31.58	B	EAQ	Aranjuez, Spain	6045	49.63	B
LSM2	Lawrenceville, N. J.	14590	20.56	C	PLV	Posen, Poland	9493	31.60	B	HJ3AB1	Bogota, Colombia	6045	49.63	B
WMF	Hurlingham, Argentine	14500	20.69	C	CJA2	Bandoeng, Java	9415	31.87	C	CMCI	Havana, Cuba	6040	49.67	B
GBW	Lawrenceville, N. J.	14470	20.73	C	GCB	Drummondville, Canada	9330	32.15	C	RILD	Omsk, U. S. S. R.	6040	49.67	C
GBA	Rugby, England	14440	20.78	C	YUR	Rugby, England	9280	32.33	C	RLEC	Tehita, U. S. S. R.	6040	49.67	C
LCO	Rugby, England	13990	21.44	C	WNA	Maracaibo, Venezuela	9175	32.70	B	W1XAL	Boston, Mass.	6040	49.67	B
GBB	Jeloy, Norway	13980	21.46	B	CP5	Lawrenceville, N. J.	9170	32.72	C	W4XB	Miami Beach, Fla.	6040	49.67	B
GCJ	Rugby, England	13585	22.08	C	GCS	La Paz, Bolivia	9120	32.89	B	YNA	Managua, Nicaragua	6035	49.71	B
YID	Rugby, England	13415	22.36	C	GCX	Rugby, England	9020	32.26	C	OQT	Buta, Congo	6030	49.75	B
WMA	Baghdad, Iraq	13410	22.37	B	PNC	Rugby, England	8960	33.86	B	PGD	Kootwijk, Holland	6030	49.75	B
WOY	Lawrenceville, N. J.	13390	22.40	C	GBI	Makassar, Celebes, D.E.I.	8775	34.19	C	VE3CA	Calgary, Canada	6030	49.75	B
WOO	Lawrenceville, N. J.	12840	23.36	C	GCQ	Rugby, England	8760	34.19	B	DJC	Berlin, Germany	6020	49.83	B
CNR	Ocean Gate, N. J.	12840	23.36	C	GCI	Makassar, Celebes, D.E.I.	8760	34.19	B	PGD	Kootwijk, Holland	6020	49.83	B
IAC	Rabat, Fr. Morocco	12830	23.38	B	GBC	Rugby, England	8730	34.36	C	XEBT	Mexico City, Mex.	6020	49.83	B
GBC	Piza, Italy	12800	23.45	C	WOO	Rugby, England	8680	34.56	C	ZHI	Singapore, Malaya	6012	49.90	B
GBU	Rugby, England	12780	23.47	C	WOY	Ocean Gate, N. J.	8560	35.05	C	COC	Havana, Cuba	6010	49.92	B
GBS	Rugby, England	12290	24.41	C	IAC	Lawrenceville, N. J.	8560	35.05	C	HRB	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	6005	49.96	B
RNE	Moscow, U. S. S. R.	12150	24.60	C	HCJ8	Piza, Italy	8380	35.80	B	VE9DN	Montreal, Canada	6005	49.96	B
KKQ	Bolinas, Calif.	11950	25.10	X	PR3	Quito, Ecuador	8214	36.50	B	VE9DR	Montreal, Canada	6005	49.96	B
FYA	Paris, France	11905	25.20	B	CNR	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	8186	36.65	B	EAJ25	Barcelona, Spain	6000	50.00	B
YNA	Managua, Nicaragua	11890	25.23	B	LSL	Marapue, Brazil	8185	36.65	B	HIX	Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.	6000	50.00	



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HVJ	Vatican City, Italy	5968	50.27	B	WCN	Lawrenceville, N. J.	5077	59.08	C	HCJB	Quito, Ecuador	4110	73.00	B
HIX	Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.	5953	50.40	B	ZFA	Hamilton, Bermuda	5025	59.70	C	WND	Hialeah, Florida	4098	73.21	C
HJ4ABE	Medellin, Colombia	5952	50.40	B	GBC	Rugby, England	4975	60.30	C	12RO	Rome Prato Smeraldo, Italy	3750	80.00	B
HJ4ABE	Medellin, Colombia	5930	50.60	B	GDW	Rugby, England	4820	62.24	C	CT2AJ	Ponta Delgada, Azores	3600	83.50	B
HJ2ABA	Tunja, Colombia	5880	51.02	B	WOO	Ocean Gate, N. J.	4752	63.10	C	CR7AA	Mozambique, E. Africa	3543	84.70	B
WOB	Lawrenceville, N. J.	5853	51.25	C	WOY	Lawrenceville, N. J.	4752	63.10	C	PK1WK	Bandoeng, Java	3490	85.96	B
VK3LR	Lyndhurst, Australia	5800	51.70	B	YID	Baghdad, Iraq	4470	67.10	B	PLV	Bandoeng, Java	3190	94.00	C
HCK	Quito, Ecuador	5714	52.50	B	GDB	Rugby, England	4320	69.44	C	PMY	Bandoeng, Java	3183	94.30	C
FIQA	Tananarive, Madagascar	5690	52.70	B	RW15	Khabarovsk, U. S. S. R.	4273	70.20	B	QXB	Blaavand, Denmark	1622	185.00	B
HJ5ABC	Cali, Colombia	5660	53.00	B	WOO	Ocean Gate, N. J.	4272	70.22	C	OZP	Lyngby, Denmark	1595	188.00	B
PMY	Bandoeng, Java	5170	58.00	B	WOY	Lawrenceville, N. J.	4272	70.22	C	SCJ	Karlakron, Sweden	1530	196.00	B
OKIMPT	Prague, Czechoslovakia	5145	58.30	B	RW15	Khabarovsk, U. S. S. R.	4270	70.40	B					

## POLICE ALARM STATIONS

### BY CALL LETTERS

Call Letters	Location	Freq. (kc.)	Call Letters	Location	Freq. (kc.)	Call Letters	Location	Freq. (kc.)
CGZ	Vancouver, B. C.	2452	KGZR	Salem, Ore.	2442	WPEI	E. Providence, R. I.	1712
CJW	St. Johns, N. B.	2416	KGZS	McAlester, Okla.	2458	WPEK	New Orleans, La.	2430
CJZ	Verdean, Que.	2452	KGZT	Santa Cruz, Calif.	1674	WPEL	W. Bridgewater, Mass.	1666
KGHG	Las Vegas, Nev.	2474	KGZU	Lincoln, Neb.	2490	WPEM	Woonsocket, R. I.	2466
KGHK	Palo Alto, Calif.	1674	KGZW	Lubbock, Tex.	2458	WPEP	Arlington, Mass.	1712
KGHM	Reno, Nev.	2474	KGZX	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	2414	WPES	Saginaw, Mich.	2442
KGHO	Des Moines, Iowa	1682	KSW	Berkeley, Calif.	1658	WPET	Lexington, Ky.	1706
KGHX	Santa Ana, Calif.	2430	KVP	Dallas, Tex.	1712	WPEW	Northampton, Mass.	1666
KGHY	Whittier, Calif.	1712	VYR	Montreal, Can.	1712	WPFA	Newton, Mass.	1712
KGHZ	Little Rock, Ark.	2406	VYW	Winnipeg, Man.	2416	WPFC	Muskegon, Mich.	2442
KGJX	Pasadena, Calif.	1712	WCK	Belle Island, Mich.	2414	WPFE	Reading, Pa.	2442
KGLX	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	2414	WEY	Boston, Mass.	1558	WPFG	Jacksonville, Fla.	2442
KGOZ	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2466	WKDT	Detroit, Mich.	1558	WPFH	Baltimore, Md.	2414
KGPA	Seattle, Wash.	2414	WKDU	Cincinnati, Ohio	1706	WPFJ	Columbus, Ga.	2414
KGPB	Minneapolis, Minn.	2430	WMDZ	Indianapolis, Ind.	2412	WPFJ	Hammond, Ind.	1712
KGPC	St. Louis, Mo.	1706	WMJ	Buffalo, N. Y.	2422	WPFK	Hackensack, N. J.	2430
KGPD	San Francisco, Calif.	1674	WMO	Highland Park, Mich.	2414	WPFL	Gary, Ind.	2470
KGPE	Kansas City, Mo.	2422	WMP	Framingham, Mass.	1666	WPFM	Birmingham, Ala.	2382
KGPG	Vallejo, Calif.	2422	WPDA	Tulare, Calif.	2414	WPFN	Fairhaven, Mass.	1712
KGPH	Oklahoma City, Okla.	2450	WPDB	Chicago, Ill.	1712	WPFO	Knoxville, Tenn.	2474
KGPI	Omaha, Neb.	2466	WPDC	Chicago, Ill.	1712	WPPF	Clarksburg, W. Va.	2490
KGPJ	Beaumont, Tex.	1712	WPDD	Chicago, Ill.	1712	WPPG	Swatmore, Pa.	2474
KGPK	Sioux City, Iowa	2466	WPDE	Louisville, Ky.	2412	WPPR	Johnson City, Tenn.	2470
KGPL	Los Angeles, Calif.	1712	WPDF	Flint, Mich.	2466	WPFS	Asheville, Md.	2458
KGPM	San Jose, Calif.	1674	WPDG	Youngstown, Ohio	2458	WPFU	Portland, Me.	2422
KGPN	Davenport, Iowa	2466	WPDH	Richmond, Ind.	2442	WPFV	Pawtucket, R. I.	2466
KGPO	Tulsa, Okla.	2450	WPDI	Columbus, Ohio	2430	WPFX	Palm Beach, Fla.	2442
KGPP	Portland, Ore.	2442	WPDK	Milwaukee, Wis.	2450	WPFZ	Miami, Fla.	2442
KGQ	Honolulu, T. H.	2450	WPDL	Lansing, Mich.	2442	WPGA	Bay City, Mich.	2466
KGPS	Bakersfield, Calif.	2414	WPDN	Dayton, Ohio	2430	WPGB	Port Huron, Mich.	2466
KGPW	Salt Lake City, Utah	2406	WPDN	Auburn, N. Y.	2382	WPGC	S. Schenectady, N. Y.	1658
KGPM	Denver, Colo.	2442	WPDO	Akron, Ohio	2458	WPGD	Rockford, Ill.	2458
KGPM	Baton Rouge, La.	1574	WPDZ	Philadelphia, Pa.	2474	WPGF	Providence, R. I.	1712
KGPM	Wichita, Kans.	2450	WPDR	Rochester, N. Y.	2382	WPGG	Findlay, Ohio	1682
KGPM	Fresno, Calif.	2414	WPDS	St. Paul, Minn.	2430	WPGH	Albany, N. Y.	2414
KGPM	Houston, Tex.	1712	WPDT	Kokomo, Ind.	2190	WPGI	Portsmouth, Ohio	2430
KGPM	Topeka, Kans.	2422	WPDU	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1712	WPGJ	Utica, N. Y.	2414
KGPM	San Diego, Calif.	2490	WPDV	Charlotte, N. C.	2458	WPGK	Cranston, R. I.	2466
KGPM	San Antonio, Tex.	2482	WPDW	Washington, D. C.	2422	WPL	Binghamton, N. Y.	2442
KGPM	Chanute, Kans.	2450	WPDZ	Detroit, Mich.	2414	WPGN	South Bend, Ind.	2490
KGPM	Des Moines, Iowa	2466	WPDZ	Atlanta, Ga.	2414	WPGO	Huntington, N. Y.	2490
KGPM	Klamath Falls, Ore.	2382	WPDZ	Fort Wayne, Ind.	2490	WPGS	Mineola, N. Y.	2490
KGPM	Wichita Falls, Tex.	2458	WPEA	Syracuse, N. Y.	2382	WPGU	Boston, Mass.	1712
KGPM	Phoenix, Ariz.	2430	WPEB	Grand Rapids, Mich.	2442	WPGW	Mobile, Ala.	2382
KGPM	Shreveport, La.	1712	WPEC	Memphis, Tenn.	2466	WRBH	Cleveland, Ohio	2458
KGPM	El Paso, Tex.	2414	WPED	Arlington, Mass.	1712	WRDQ	Toledo, Ohio	2474
KGPM	Tacoma, Wash.	2414	WPEE	New York, N. Y.	2450	WRDR	Gross Pt. Village, Mich.	2414
KGPM	Santa Barbara, Calif.	2414	WPEF	New York, N. Y.	2450	WRDS	E. Lansing, Mich.	1666
KGPM	Coffeyville, Kans.	2450	WPEG	New York, N. Y.	2450			
KGPM	Waco, Tex.	1712	WPEH	Somerville, Mass.	1712			

## TELEVISION STATIONS

### BY FREQUENCIES AND CALL LETTERS

Call Letters	Location	Call Letters	Location	Call Letters	Location
W2XDR	2000-2100 kc.	W6XS	Los Angeles, Calif.	W3XE	Philadelphia, Pa.
W8XAN	Long Island City, N. Y.	W9XAL	Kansas City, Mo.	W3XAD	Camden, N. J.
W9XK	Jackson, Mich.	W9XG	W. Lafayette, Ind.	W10XX	Portable & Mobile (Vicinity of Camden)
W9XAK	Iowa City, Iowa	W2XAB	New York, N. Y.	W2XDR	Long Island City, N. Y.
W9XAO	Manhattan, Kansas			W8XAN	Jackson, Mich.
W6XAH	Chicago, Ill.			W9XE	Chicago, Ill.
	Bakersfield, Calif.			W9XAT	Portable
				W2XD	New York, N. Y.
				W2XAG	Portable
				W1XG	Boston, Mass.
W3XAK	2750-2850 kc.	W2XAX	New York, N. Y.		
W9XAP	Portable	W6XAO	Los Angeles, Calif.		
W2XBS	Chicago, Ill.	W9XD	Milwaukee, Wis.		
	Bellmore, N. Y.	W2XBT	Portable		
		W2XF	New York, N. Y.		



# THE LATEST RADIO EQUIPMENT



Pee-wee variable condenser. This condenser will fit inside a tube base. (604)



High-grade service oscillator. Use this unit in field or lab. work. (605)



Above, an improved 2B6 tube. Two triodes in one envelope. (606)

Below, a low-cost all-wave set. The manufacturers have 11 more new models. (607)



## MIDGET VARIABLE CONDENSER (604)

(The Hammarlund Mfg. Co.)

IN THIS day of extremes, the tendency is to build equipment to bigger and bigger, or smaller and smaller proportions; the latter trend is exemplified in the newest design of variable condenser, which measures only  $1\frac{7}{32} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. deep. This condenser is particularly well adapted for use in short-wave and ultra short-wave fields; also, as a tuning condenser for I.F. transformers, trimming R.F. coils, trimming gang condensers, antenna tuning, for fixed tuning of R.F. circuits or plug-in coils, and for padding purposes in general. The capacity per air gap is about 4 mmf.; commercial maximum values, 25, 50, 75 and (illustrated) 100 mmf. Terminals are extensible from either end; the shaft may be extended. These tiny condensers are "swell" for fitting inside a coil form of tube-base size.

## NEWEST IN SERVICE OSCILLATORS (605)

(Earl Webber Co.)

HOW good is it? Let the following facts speak for themselves. Frequency calibration: checked at 6 points on each band against crystal-controlled frequency standards; modulation: 35% at 400 cycles; supplied by separate tube and switch controlled, and available at A.F. tip-jacks; range: 90 kc. to 25 megacycles at fundamental frequencies in 8 bands; attenuation: complete control over entire frequency range. Equipment: two type 30 tubes, dummy antenna, demodulation jumper; uses one  $4\frac{1}{2}$  V. and one 22½ V. battery. The dial of this portable service oscillator is of direct-reading, full-vision type.

## IMPROVED 2B6 TUBE (606)

IMPROVED-life characteristics and a fast-heater cathode are features recently announced for the latest version of the 2B6 "direct-coupled"

tube, which incorporates two triodes in one envelope. This type of tube (first described at length in the article, "The 2B6—A Duplex Triode," in the September, 1933 issue of RADIO-CRAFT) merits the special consideration of foresighted engineers.

## TABLE-TYPE ALL-WAVE SUPERHET (607)

THE least expensive 110 V. A.C. model of a series of 12 receivers recently introduced by one manufacturer utilizes 5 tubes in a dual-wave chassis that covers the range of 540 to 1,800, and 5,600 to 18,000 kc. Incorporated are a two-position tone control, limited A.V.C., and dual-ratio tuning.

## A MASTODON IN SET DIALS (608)

(Crowe Name Plate & Mfg. Co.)

SHOWN at the recent Radio Show, and one of a large number of recent models brought out by a manufacturer that specializes in the production of stock and custom models, the latest in full-vision dials is nothing if not arresting in appearance; its overall diameter is 7 ins.! The center portion of the dial is covered with a glass 4 ins. in diameter that can be graduated to suit; the station names are printed on a removable ring. Standard tuning ratio, 5% to 1.

## HARMONIC-TYPE OSCILLATOR (609)

(Try-Mo Radio Co., Inc.)

WHERE cost is an important factor it is usual to select the "harmonic" type of service oscillator. One of four recent models, in this design, brought out by this manufacturer utilizes, in the portable (illustrated) and cabinet types, A.C. with a single type 56 tube. The two companion types are battery models using a type 30 tube.

The fundamental frequency range is 50 to 150 kc.; common I.F. settings within this range, and at 260,

Harmonic-type service oscillator. (609)



400 and 450 kc., are indicated on an upper section of the main scale. Harmonics of the Hartley circuit are available to the 50th, and often the 150th harmonic.

## ELECTRIC PHONOGRAPHS (610)

IF YOU want to "play" the best in phonograph records, i.e.—"electric" recordings, it will be necessary to use an "electric" phonograph, which incorporates a "phonograph pickup" rather than a "tone arm." A recent design in portable type is available in either single-play or automatic type, and optional 33½ or 78 r.p.m. operation; a piezo-electric pickup is used. Connected to the usual A.F. amplifier of high-quality type the instrument affords the finest available musical and other programs at an instant's notice.

## "SHORT-WAVE" FIXED CONDENSERS (611)

SHORT-WAVE receivers and transmitters of high-quality design necessarily are large and expensive, due mainly to the need for components that will meet the "specs." Now, "oil-impregnated" fixed condensers are available at lower cost and less bulk than the mica condensers formerly required for such services in short-wave equipment as bypass, antenna coupling, blocking, filter, rotor-grounding, and buffer units, at capacity values from .002 to 0.1 mf., at potentials of 1,500 to 1000 V., and to pass up to 50 A. per mf. at 28 megacycles. The power factor is extremely low. An 0.1-mf. unit measures only  $2\frac{1}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{4}$ -in. dia. (Retain mica units only for padding or trimming resonant circuits.)

## MULTIPLE OUTLETS FOR ALL-WAVE SETS (612)

YOU have read about all-wave antennas of increasingly improved types, but did you know that the all-wave idea has been applied to the "multiple radio outlet antenna system" described in past issues of RADIO-CRAFT? After "stringing" the all-wave antenna, the downlead cable is bared at each floor, and a lead tapped off to an "all-wave outlet," to which the antenna post of the radio set connects. The downlead cable ends at a "terminal outlet" which is grounded.

## A "POKER GAME" RECEIVER (613)

FIRST, as boon companion, we had recommended to us the "cocktail" set, described in the preceding October issue, which included with the receiver chassis a full 6-person complement of drinking glasses and assorted liquors. (The "beer bottle" set described in the following December issue was more decorative than practical—unfortunately!) Now we are urged to purchase the very

Name of manufacturer of any device will be sent on receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Kindly give (number) in description under picture.





High-quality electric phonograph. (610)

companionable receiver, illustrated, that includes not only the drinking paraphernalia, but also (under the lid) chips and cards for "a quiet little game."

## DUAL RANGE A.C.-D.C. OSCILLATOR (614)

(Delta Radio Co.)

THE dial of a service oscillator recently developed for the low-priced trade is accurately calibrated for two ranges; one covers fundamental frequencies from 132 to 380 kc., and the other, the fourth-harmonic range (broadcast band) of 540 to 1,500 kc. On A.C., A.F. modulation is obtained from the line ripple; on D.C., at 1,000 cycles from a neon tube. The oscillator is a type 37 tube.

## WALL-TYPE "ORDER" MICROPHONE (615)

SERVICE Men who have been making "side" money selling and installing P.A. systems in restaurants, lunch counters, etc., will be glad to know of a new "wall"-type microphone. A pilot lamp lights directly over the press-to-talk button, when the button is operated; the lamp also may be wired to a button at the opposite end, for "O.K." signals.

## TUBE-TYPE CODE PRACTICE SET (616)

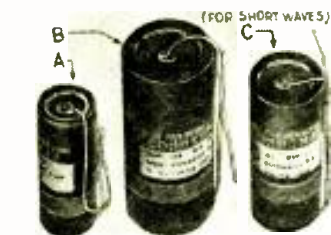
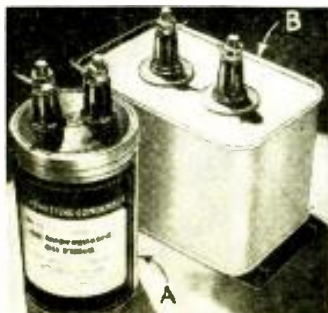
IT IS an amazing fact that a large number of people of prominence (in radio) point with pride to an apprenticeship served in "pounding brass." For those who aspire to learn the radio code there is no better practice transmitter than the unit just put on the market which utilizes a type 30, 2 V. vacuum tube (in an oscillator circuit comprising an A.F. transformer) to produce a whistling note exactly like the C.W. (continuous wave) signal of a regular transmitting station. (The "A" and "B" supply fit into the case of the instrument.)

## OIL-FILLED HIGH-VOLTAGE CONDENSERS (617)

(Aerovox Corp.)

BUILDING a high-power amplifier or transmitter? Well, we can tell you where you can get fixed condensers that can "stand the heat" without the need for a half-

Oil-filled S.-W. condensers. (617)



Oil-impregnated S.-W. condensers. (611)

acre of parking space, in capacities from 1 to 4 mf. at 1,000 V., and 1 or 2 mf. at 2,000 V., in round cans (A, in the figure); and 1 to 4 mf. in 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 2,500 and 3,000 V. rating, and 0.5 to 2 mf. at 4,000 V., and 0.5 or 1. mf. at 5,000 V. rating, in rectangular cans (B, in the illustration). Pure linen insulating paper, impregnated with oil, is used; the assembly is immersed in an oil bath. As the section becomes heated in operation it expands and the oil flows into the section, thereby maintaining a perfect oil film throughout the condenser section. As the section cools and contracts the oil is forced out of the section back into the can.

## MULTI-POLE WAVE-BAND SWITCH (618)

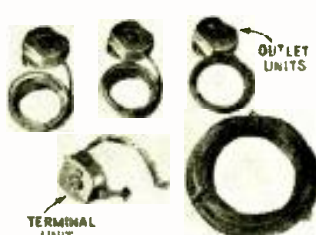
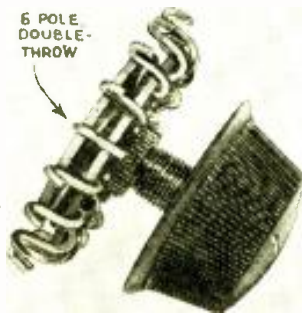
ARTICLE after article has appeared in the technical "mags," pointing out the need for good contact in wave-band switches. A switch designed to meet this major demand uses silver-plated contacts, and self-cleaning rotors. The stator contacts are laced, and then staked in place. Available in 6 pole, 18 point, (95 wiring combinations) and 8 pole, 24 point (500 wiring combinations) models, in double-throw types, diameters, 2, and 2½ ins., respectively.

## A "SHORT-WAVE" LOUD-SPEAKER (619)

(Wright-DeCoster, Inc.)

"WHAT is the difference between a 'short-wave' speaker, and any other kind?" is the first question the radio man will ask. The major portion of the answer is as follows: In the new "short-wave" reproducer particular emphasis is placed on reproduction of the voice frequencies from 200 to 3,000 cycles. Frequencies above 3,000 cycles are attenuated so that noises generated either by the radio set itself, or picked up from the air are reduced. Care has been taken to prevent resonance effects at frequencies below 500 cycles, in order to retain the intelligibility of low-pitched voices. Field excitation is obtained from 110 V. A.C. by means of a 25Z5 rectifier tube; voice coil impedance is 10 ohms at 400 cycles; the standard output transformer primary impedance

Improved wave-changing switch. (618)



All-wave type multiple outlets. (612)

value is 4,000 ohms, but "specials" are available. Cone diameter is 10 ins.; the over-all width, across the baffle, is 14 ins.; a solid spider acts as a dust cap.

## DUAL-WAVE MIRROR SET (620)

JUST when it appeared that radio set makers had about "reached the end of their ropes" in designing new cabinets, out comes an instrument that takes first prize for originality in a regular commercial production job. The set in question utilizes a simple and effective 4-tube I.F.R.F. chassis, with a wave-length range of 75 to 550 meters, encased in a cabinet composed entirely of mirrors! A modernistic design is sand-blasted on the portion of the glass that comprises the speaker grille; the colored grille cloth is interchangeable with cloth of other colors.

## A 3-TUBE SHORT-WAVE KIT SET (621)

(Harrison Radio Co.)

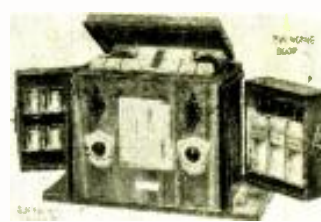
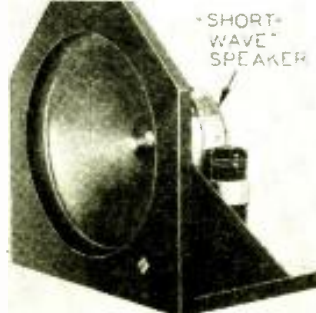
SHORT-WAVE reception over the range of 15 to 200 meters may be obtained, by means of plug-in coils, in a new short-wave set that embodies 5-tube performance with only 3 tubes; an additional set of coils is available which increases the tuning range to 625 meters (Reception of regular broadcast stations and long-wave ship and press transmissions is possible.). Operates on 110 V. A.C., a 220 V. adapter is available.

This receiver has the volume, selectivity and sensitivity of a 5-tube set, although only 3, "multi-purpose" tubes are used. These tubes are: (a) the new 6F7, used as a combined variable-mu R.F. pentode, and regenerative detector; (b) a 76 high-gain triode first-stage A.F. amplifier, and; (c) a 12A7 combined pentode second-stage A.F. (power) amplifier, and half-wave rectifier.

Provision has been made for optional operation with the built-in speaker, an external reproducer, or headphones. Hum level is very low, even when sensitive headphones are used. Available complete or in kit form. Cabinet is 7x5½x9 ins. long.

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A "short-wave" loudspeaker. (619)



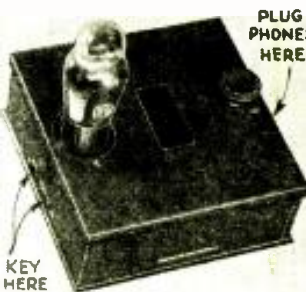
Dealing cards, music and a sip! (613)



A dual-range service oscillator. (614)



Wall-type "order" microphone. (615)



Above, tube code-practice set. (616)

Below, a fine set for the boudoir. (620)





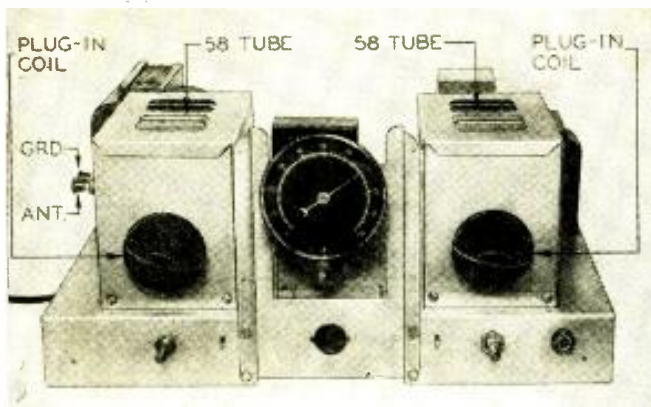


Fig. A  
Airplane dial and special shielding gives commercial appearance.

M. K. BAKER\*

# AN IMPROVED 6-TUBE ALL-WAVE SET

This receiver will come as a welcome surprise to constructors who thought that a "super" was necessary to get good results. It employs a T.R.F. circuit with plug-in coils to cover the complete short-wave and broadcast ranges. It is designed for 110 volt A.C. operation, and includes many design innovations.

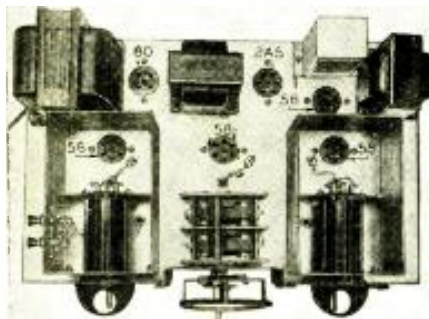


Fig. B  
Top view illustrating coil compartments.

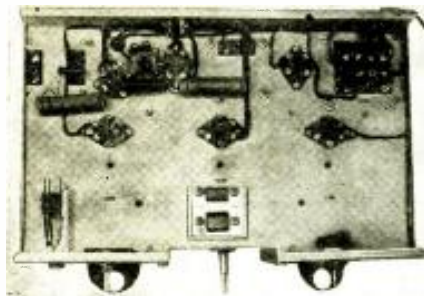


Fig. C  
Sub-base view showing layout of parts.

**T**HE construction of an all-wave receiver, when it involves more than 5 tubes, should (the writer feels) be made as simple as possible for other constructors. The use of a superheterodyne circuit with its consequent elaborate padding and trimming condensers, and elaborate aligning procedure (which, it should be mentioned, if not performed carefully and precisely will impair the efficiency of the set) frightens most set constructors. Not only that, but it is an established fact that few of the average constructors are even partially equipped with the necessary all-wave oscillator and output meter to correctly align such a set.

For these reasons a tuned R.F. circuit was selected as the basis for this receiver. However, the usual shortcomings of such design were given more than careful attention, with the net result that this set, if built carefully and as per instructions, will be found equivalent in efficiency and selectivity to most "supers" of complicated design. All of the usual ills associated with T.R.F. receivers have been completely removed, and what is more, instead of sacrificing any of the desirable qualities in such a receiver an actual and appreciable improvement was effected.

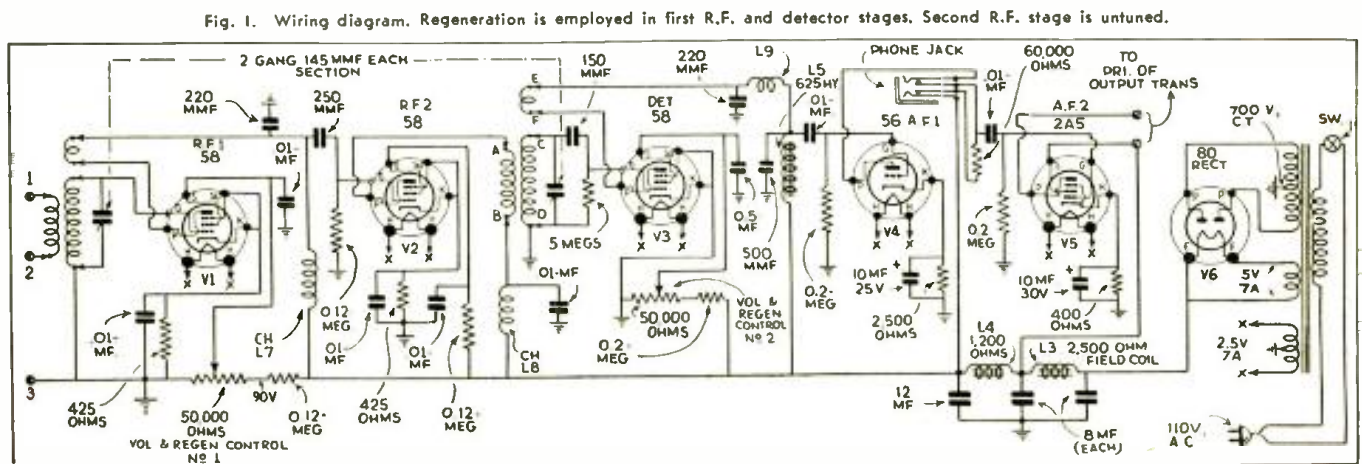
\*Chief Eng. Alan Radio Corp.

## Good Distance Getter!

When discussing the relative merits of a receiver, theoretical design and potential possibilities are never as convincing as actual practical results that are obtained when a receiver is put on an "air-test." Nor is it possible to make any comparison with receivers of other design, unless the conditions (which affect reception) are exactly similar for each. Consequently, when this set was ultimately completed, it was placed on test alongside of a prominent 6-tube "super" which also employs plug-in coils for band changing. The same special antenna (all-wave type, with transposed lead-in) was used for both, a single-pole, double-throw switch serving to connect the antenna to the set which was to be tested. Antenna, weather conditions, location, and even the operator were therefore the same for each receiver.

On practically every wave-band this receiver out-performed the "super." On foreign broadcasts the actual volume of reception was greater on this set, and numerous stations were received which were impossible to get on the "super." The selectivity on the ham 'phone band (80 meters) was as good in each case. Amateur code on this set was so far

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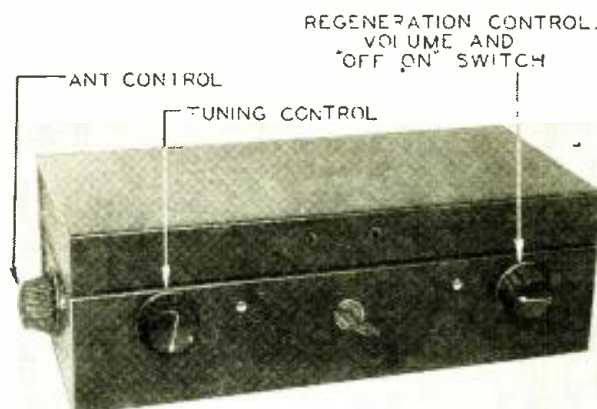




# BUILD THIS NOVEL 1-TUBE ALL-ELECTRIC ALL-WAVE SET

The receiver, using only a 12A7, is built within a "cash box." This automatically serves to completely shield the set. The circuit is a standard regenerative detector, using the pentode portion of the tube. It will operate from 110 V., A.C. or D.C.

H. G. CISIN



**T**HIS receiver is so small and light that it can be carried around like a camera. Nevertheless, it will work from any 110 V. house lighting circuit, either A.C. or D.C., and will bring in short-wave stations from 10 to 200 meters and also the regular broadcast station from 200 to 550 meters.

The circuit is built into a compact metal carrying case ("cash box") and the entire outfit including the five plug-in coils and the earphone, weighs less than three pounds. Only one tube is used, this being the remarkable dual purpose 12A7 tube. The wide tuning range from 10 to 550 meters is attained through the use of five special plug-in coils, wound on compact composition forms. A single variable tuning condenser (3), shunted across the longer winding of the plug-in coil, takes care of the broadcast as well as the short-wave tuning. As a matter of fact, it is possible to cover a much higher range with this same tuning condenser, through the use of specially wound long-wave coils.

## Circuit Operation and Adjustments

Regeneration is controlled by means of the potentiometer (6), shunted across the ticker winding C, D, of coil (2). For broadcast reception, a short indoor aerial or a wire thrown on the floor will suffice. Naturally, a well-constructed outdoor antenna will produce best results in bringing in the distant short-wave stations. The an-

tenna trimmer (1), provides a convenient means of adjusting the set for varying lengths of aerials and this component also furnishes an additional tuning control for short-wave reception.

The second radio circuit utilized in this set, is a unique A.C.-D.C. circuit, whereby chokes are eliminated and resistors substituted. The receiver can then be operated equally well from alternating or direct current sources. No power-supply transformer is necessary in this circuit, which results in a cheaper, lighter, and simpler receiver. Since the 12A7 is a cathode heater tube, it is possible to heat the filament with raw A.C., without introducing noticeable hum. The filament voltage is reduced to the correct value by means of a 350 ohm resistor, contained within the line

cord (15). This resistor is connected in series with the filament terminals A and B of the tube.

Adequate filtering is accomplished by means of a dual electrolytic condenser having 8 mf. sections, one being connected at each end of the 10,000 ohm filter resistor (11) in the plate supply circuit. To save space, the "on-off" switch (16) is combined with the potentiometer (6).

## Construction

The construction is very simple due to the fact that the parts are few in number. The antenna trimmer is mounted on the left side wall of the carrying case (see Fig. B). It has a short shaft soldered to the adjusting screw and a knob fastened to the shaft. The tuning condenser and the potentiometer switch are mounted on the front wall. The twin phone jack is mounted on the rear wall. The tube socket is mounted in a horizontal position on the inside wall, by means of two  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in brass bushings. The other parts are mounted on the bottom of the case. The antenna trimmer and the jacks must be well insulated from the metal case. The potentiometer must be of the type which will not short circuit against the case. The coil socket may also be mounted on short brass bushings.

The wiring can be completed in a very short time. The socket connections are shown in the schematic diagram (Fig. 1). In socket (8), A and

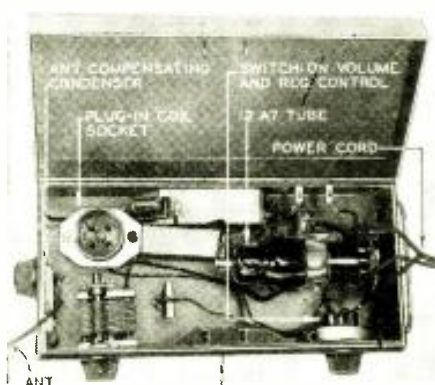


Fig. 8. How the set looks when opened.

Fig. 1. The diagram. Resistor filter employed instead of chokes.

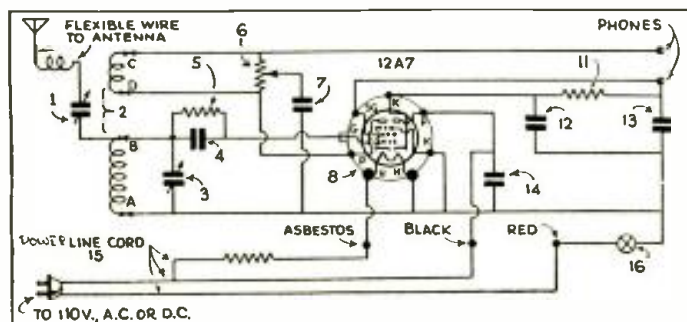
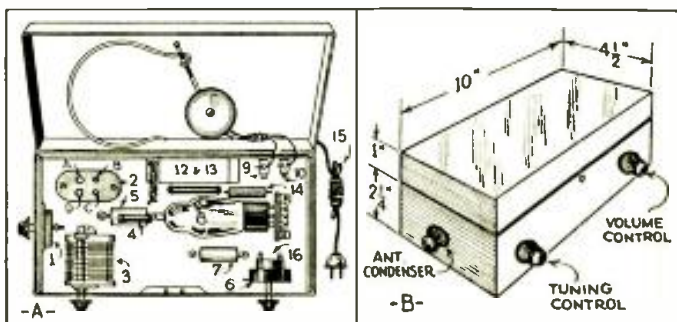
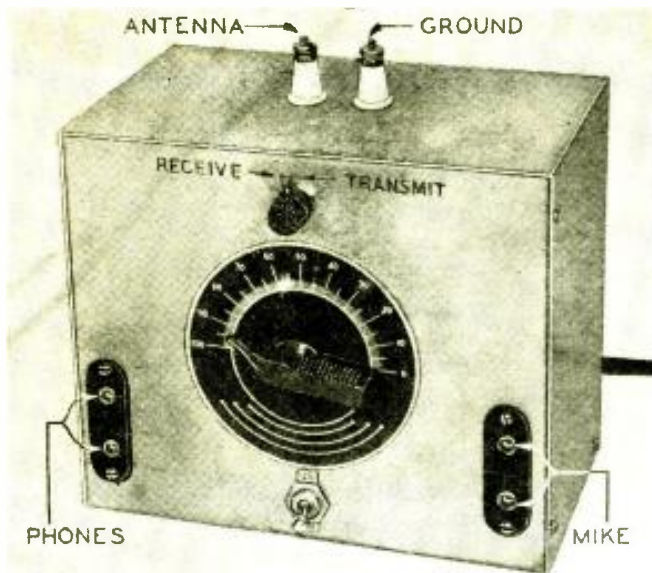


Fig. 2. A—layout; parts list identifies numbers. B—dimensions.







# HOW TO BUILD A NEW 5-METER TRANSCEIVER

Complete construction details are given here for an improved and highly efficient transmitting and receiving unit. Its features are: 6 volt battery operation, radiophone transmission, small dimensions, ultra-portability, and employs only 2 tubes.

A. G. HELLER\*

**T**HE popularity of transceivers is increasing steadily with short-wave "hams." The reason for this becomes obvious when one considers the numerous features of a unit that can be readily used for transmission as well as for reception purposes. Ignoring the novelty of such a device, we find that a transceiver has individual features and characteris-

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tics which make it admirably suited for specialized work. The tremendous saving in parts and auxiliary equipment that an instrument of this type requires, as compared to that needed by two separate instruments for transmitting and receiving, is in itself a paramount feature. By the elimination of this added equipment the saving in weight is, of course, a consequence which follows and which adds to the unit's virtues. In addition, the construction of the entire unit is possible in a casing of comparatively small dimensions, thus enhancing its value for portable operation. The 5 meter transceiver pictured at the top was carefully designed after considerable experience in constructing numerous similar units. Needless to say that all of the problems and difficulties of each of its predecessors have been finally overcome in the construction of this, the final transceiver.

## The Circuit

Analysis of the circuit shown in Fig. 1 will indicate that only 2 tubes are employed; namely a 37 and a 41. With the switch in the "Receive" position, the 37 functions as a super-regenerative detector and the 41 becomes an A.F. amplifier stage. With the switch in the "Transmit" position, the 37

functions as an oscillator and the 41 as a modulator tube coupling back to the plate of the oscillator tube (plate modulation).

The microphone transformer has, in addition to the single-button microphone winding, another primary for audio coupling to the 41 which is introduced into the circuit when the switch is in "Receive" position.

The selection of a super-regenerative detector circuit is practically a necessity on 5 meters. The tuning characteristics of such a circuit are essentially "broad," and since the frequency "drift" or "shifting" of an oscillator on 5 meters is considerable, it becomes readily apparent that such a broad tuning circuit will aid materially in keeping the signal "tuned-in."

## Assembly

The chassis and cover may be obtained drilled. Assembly will then consist of merely attaching the component parts, and fastening them to the chassis with nuts and bolts. The picture diagram (Fig. 2) is a rear view of the transceiver chassis. It clearly illustrates the positions of the various parts and the manner of mounting them. A close study of the picture diagram should be more than sufficient

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Fig. A, above.  
Interior view illustrating compactness.

Fig. 1. Schematic wiring diagram of 5 meter transceiver.

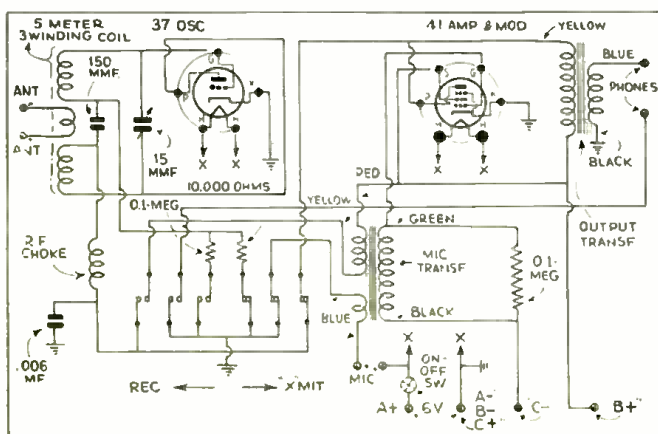
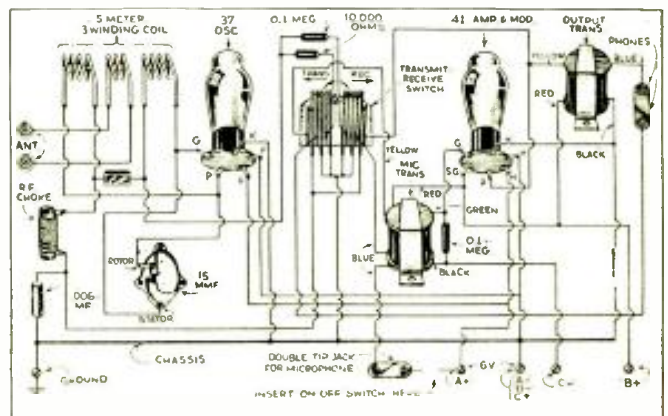


Fig. 2. Pictorial diagram. The layout of parts is not critical.





# ELEMENTS OF 4<sup>TH</sup> DIMENSION P.A. OR SOUND SYSTEMS

This is the first of two articles which discloses, in a non-technical manner, all of the principles involved for attaining absolute realism in sound reproduction. Part 2 will cover practical construction and installation.

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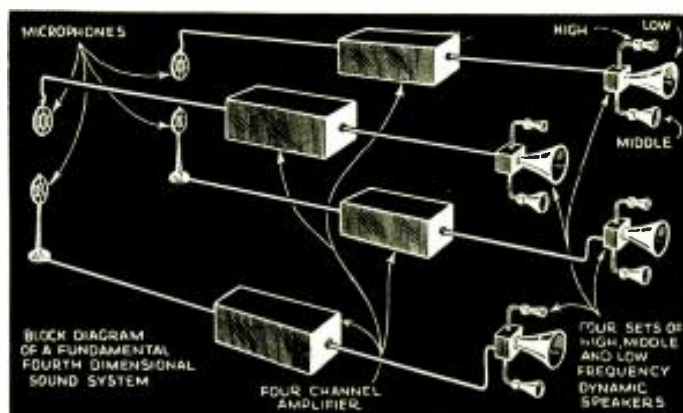


Fig. A

Block diagram of a fundamental 4th dimensional sound system.

## PART I

**I**F ARTIFICIALLY recreated sound is not "perfect" in all respects to natural creation, it cannot produce an illusion of true reality.

Inasmuch as the purpose of all entertainment is to help the auditor to forget himself, the more perfectly we create the feeling that he is listening to real people, the more will he "lose" himself and the greater will be his feeling of real enjoyment.

Very many people regard mechanical sound reproducing equipment frankly as a mechanical device and therefore do not expect it to simulate reality. The consequence of such a point of view is that they accept this unnatural sound on the basis that it represents perfection for modern artificial creative means and methods.

Musically trained and artistically tempered people, on the other hand, have oftentimes complained that reproduced sounds (as furnished by "talkies", radio broadcasts, P.A. Systems, electric recordings, etc.) are too flat

and centralized. In fact, a critic is quoted as saying, "To listen to a symphonic orchestra reproduced by electro-mechanical systems, is like listening to the performance through a knothole in a fence."

Although innumerable attempts have previously been made to attain a true and natural state of sound recreation, few have approached the goal as closely as did the Bell Telephone Laboratories during the early part of last year. This organization demonstrated to the Institute of Radio Engineers a three dimensional sound system, which was subsequently described by R. D. Washburne in RADIO CRAFT for May 1934 (Page 654).

To understand why this apparently "perfect" system does not attain a full 100% naturalness, we must first define "perfect artificially recreated sound". For our purposes of discussion we will simply consider it as a *true reproduction of the original sources of sound in a spatial relationship corresponding exactly to the placement of the original sound sources*. If upon closing your

eyes you cannot tell whether you are listening to an electro-mechanical device or to the original rendition—if you can mentally locate the true position of each sound source, then, and only then, are you hearing perfect artificially recreated sound!

Why then, has this perfect illusion not been achieved before, and what elementary principles are involved in presenting such an ultimate in electro-mechanical sound recreation?

Before we answer these questions, let us consider two points of the definition for "perfect artificially recreated sound" as given above.

First, we have "true reproduction" which involves the use of a sound collective, amplifying, and distributive system which will not modify or alter in any manner whatsoever the frequency, phase relationships, or proportional intensity of the sound or sounds undergoing recreation. Such a system will of necessity employ microphones with a series of performance characteristics equivalent to the human

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Fig. 1. When we hear a natural sound, we subconsciously make three measurements.

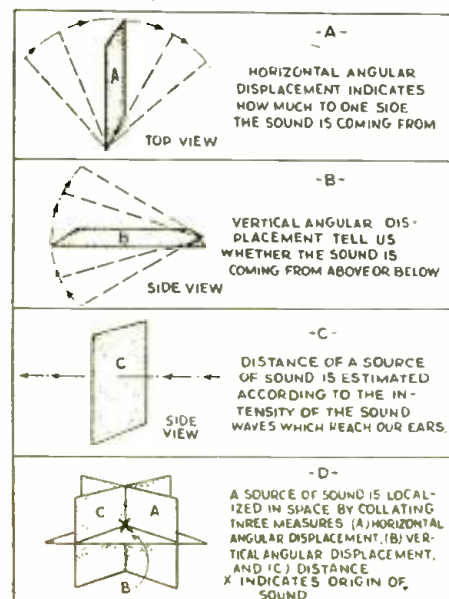


Fig. 2. Block diagram of sound localizing mechanism. X indicates source of sound.

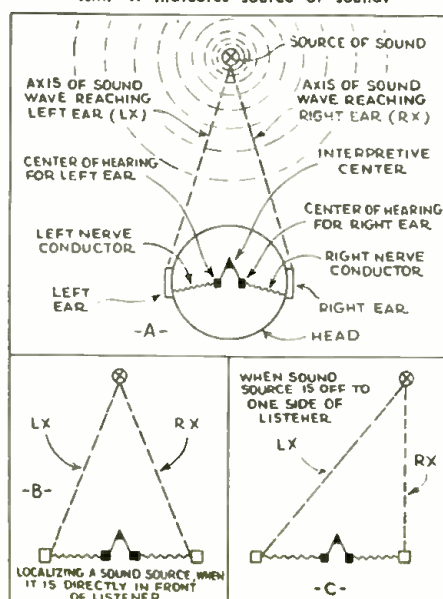
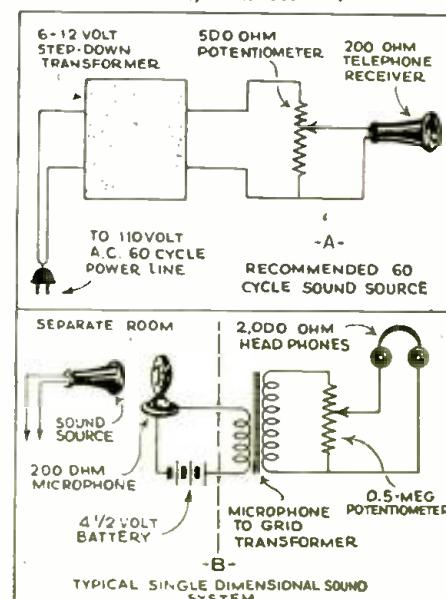


Fig. 3. Practical experiments in single dimensional sound systems. See text.





# INTERNATIONAL RADIO REVIEW

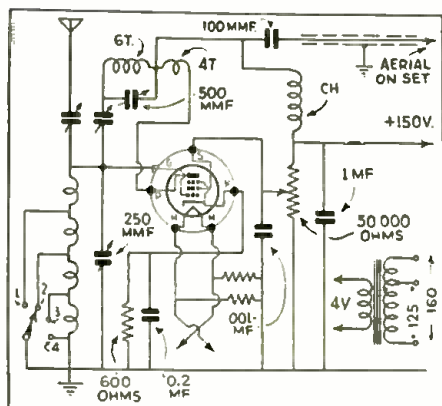


Fig. 1

A short-wave converter covering the wavelengths from 12 to 70 meters.

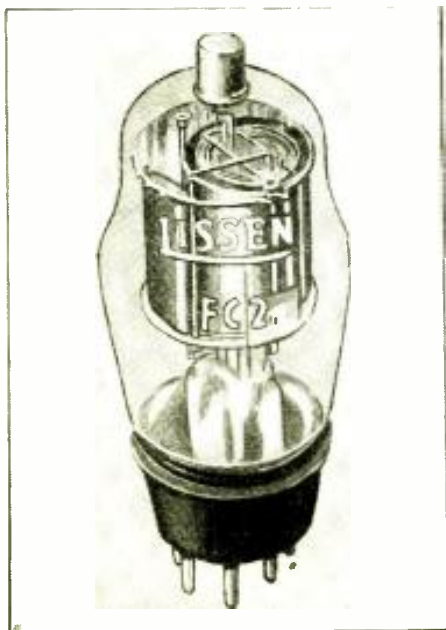


Fig. A

The appearance of the new television set which supplies black and white pictures.

Fig. B

The triode-hexode frequency converter. Triode-hexode coupling at short wavelengths is nil.



HERE is what the radio experimenter has been wanting for a long time—a semi-technical review of the thousands of new ideas which are continually appearing in overseas publications. Each month there are received at the offices of RADIO-CRAFT hundreds of daily, weekly and monthly magazines originating from all over the world.

SINCE the cost of subscribing to each of these would be prohibitive for most radio men, we have arranged with technical translators to prepare for our readers reviews of all the really important, new developments illustrated and described each month in these publications.

NOTE that the only available information is that which is published; the experimenter must adapt the ideas to whatever equipment he has on hand.

## AN ITALIAN SHORT-WAVE CONVERTER

IN reviewing the foreign magazines received this month, an endeavor has been made to cover some of the outstanding items on short-wave subjects—inasmuch as we are featuring short-waves in this number.

The Italian magazine, Radio Lux, contains a description of an interesting short-wave converter to be attached to the broadcast set. It comprises a pentode of the R.F. variety. The particular tube advocated is one of European manufacture, though American tubes are extensively used in Italy, as we have mentioned before.

A grid coil, tapped in three places (see Fig. 1) tunes the grid circuit, while two coils wound on the same tube act as the oscillator grid and plate coils. The wavelengths between 12 and 70 meters are covered by the coil combination, and with this coverage, no taps are required on the oscillator coils. The coils are wound on tubes,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. in diameter, with No. 24 enameled wire. The grid coil contains 4 turns on the first section, 4 on the second, 5 on the third, and 6 on the fourth. The oscillator contains 6 turns on the tuned section and 4 on the plate side. The grid coil sections are separated by about  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. while the two coils of the oscillator are wound as one continuous coil, with a tap at the sixth turn.

The remaining values for this converter are indicated on the diagram.

## TELEVISION IN EUROPE

WHILE television is gradually nearing the point of commercial production in the U.S.A., depending on public interest to awaken suddenly; the condition in Europe is somewhat more advanced.

Experimental transmitters are in constant use in England, Germany, and several other countries, with varying degrees of success. Commercial receivers are available for picking up these transmissions and there is considerable interest shown in the radio magazines of these countries on the subject.

The photo at Fig. A, shows a commercial instrument being sold in England. It contains a four tube receiver having an audio frequency characteristic of 20 to 9,000 cycles according to claims of the manufacturer. A glow discharge lamp of special design permits black and white images.

It is reported that the B.B.C. is contemplating a change to 30 lines which will increase the picture definition, though it will necessitate changes in existing receivers.

## A NEW FREQUENCY-CHANGER

PENTAGRID converter tubes have made a very definite step forward in the design of superheterodyne receivers, since the electron-coupling overcomes certain defects which were present in all other types of frequency changers. However, it appears that the pentagrid converter is also imperfect in certain other respects, especially on short waves. An interaction between the oscillator plate and the control-grid causes degenerative effects which become particularly noticeable when high frequency signals are being received. The effect is so marked in some cases, that the oscillator section of the tube refuses to operate above a certain critical frequency.

To overcome this disadvantage, a new tube has been introduced on the European market, according to a recent issue of WIRELESS WORLD. (Fig. B). It consists of two separate tubes, a triode and a hexode, built in a single envelope. The hexode has six electrodes, a cathode, control-grid, two screen-grids, a coupling-grid, and a plate. The control-grid immediately surrounds the cathode and is surrounded by the screen-grid. The coupling-grid comes next and is separated from the plate by the second screen-grid. The coupling-grid is connected internally to the triode (oscillator) grid which supplies the desired electron coupling.

Variations in the oscillator plate potential have no effect upon the screen and plate currents of the hexode, and changes in the hexode screen, plate or



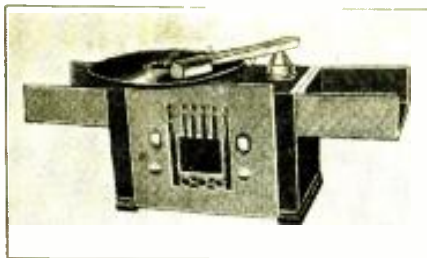


Fig. C

A novel combination radio-phonograph.

control-grid voltages do not alter the oscillator plate current. Thus the two tubes are independent, except for the electron coupling which takes place. This tube shows markedly improved characteristics for high frequency work.

### AN INTERESTING DESIGN

IN the Italian radio magazine, *LA RADIO PER TUTTI*, was included an interesting design for a combined radio and phonograph, in one of its recent issues. The cabinet, when closed, appeared as an ordinary radio of the table type, having two wave ranges, with separate dials for each band. The cabinet, however, was split across the top in such a way that the two halves opened out, as shown in Fig. C. When opened, a complete phonograph of the electric type was revealed. The amplifier of the radio receiver provided the necessary increase in volume for ordinary room enjoyment.

### SOME WORTH-WHILE EXPERIMENTS

WHILE ultra-short-wave experiments are exceedingly interesting to the lively radio experimenter, even this field becomes prosaic if definite direction is not given to the experimenter which will make his work of value to others.

The latest issue of *WIRELESS WORLD* takes this point in hand and points out some very interesting ways in which experiments in the ultra-short-wave field can be made useful. One of these is in the field of aerials for ultra-short-wave transmission and reception. It is known that the sky waves from such transmitters are not reflected back to

the earth and this definitely limits the distance which can be covered by such units. But on the other hand, the aerials used for these transmitters and receivers determine to a large extent their effectiveness. Aerials, on these very high frequencies, do not exhibit the same characteristics as similar designs do on longer waves. Marked directional effects are encountered with horizontal and vertical dipoles, half-wave and other types which should not show these effects. Loops on the other hand, are found to be markedly effective for reception purposes—and the directional "selectivity" depends to a great extent on the dimensions of the loop, its shape and height above ground.

Thus, the ambitious ultra-short-wave fan has a fine chance to experiment with different types of aerials, and thus achieve real results which can be of use to the entire "ultra-short-wave world."

In giving some facts regarding the above subject, a circuit for a 5 meter super-regenerative receiver was given. (See Fig. 2.) The values of parts used in this set were not given, but the interested fan will find the method of connecting the loop to the set advantageous. Suitable sizes for the various condensers and resistors can be found by a little experimental work.

### A REAL PORTABLE

TO digress for a time from short-waves; the tiny portable receiver shown at Fig. D, using the newly developed small tubes which we mentioned several months ago, has just appeared on the English market. The entire receiver box measures  $4\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  ins. high and it weighs only 3 lbs., complete with batteries. The set tunes over the broadcast band, and with only a temporary aerial will pick up broadcasts over a distance of 75 to 100 miles. This "really" portable set was announced in *WIRELESS WORLD* magazine.

### PERMEABILITY TUNER

IN A number of past issues, we have mentioned the popularity of metal core coils for R.F. tuning.

The idea has been developed a step  
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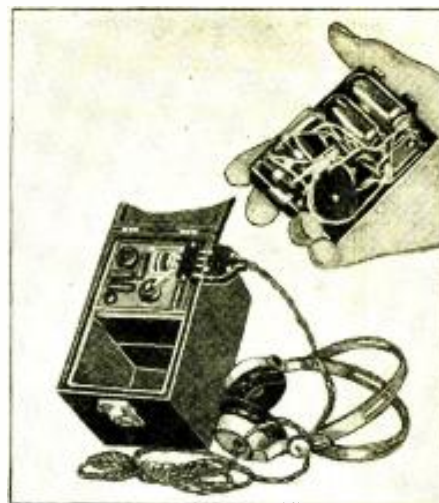


Fig. D. A really portable receiver.

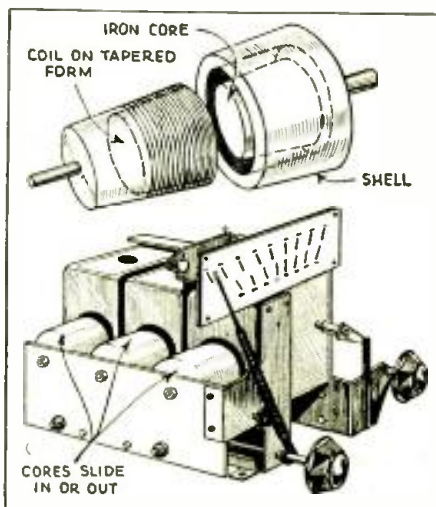


Fig. E. A complete permeability tuner.

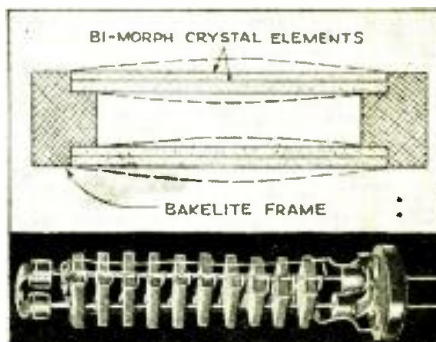


Fig. F

A high-quality piezo-electric mike.

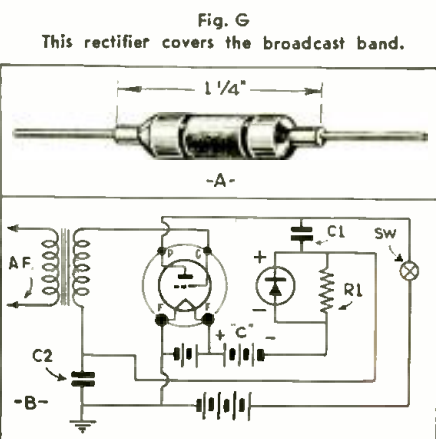
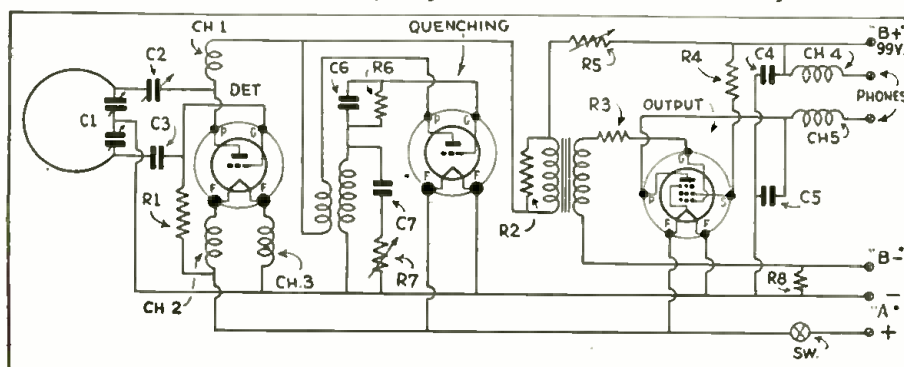


Fig. G

This rectifier covers the broadcast band.

Fig. 2

A loop-operated 5 meter super-regenerative receiver for direction finding.







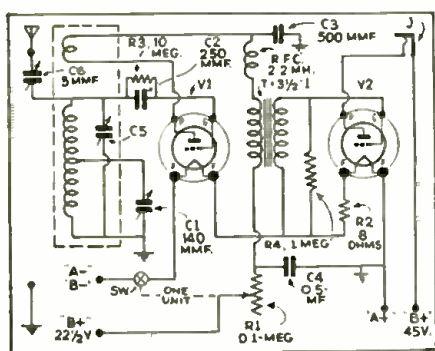
## A SHORT-WAVE BAND-SPREAD 2-TUBE PORTABLE SET

Here is an excellent and truly portable short-wave receiver, for outdoor use. It employs only 2 tubes, dry-cell type, which results in real economical operation. Batteries are self-contained.

FRANK J. LESTER\*

**W**ITH increasing public interest in short-wave reception, manufacturers have kept their engineers busy designing bigger and better receivers for home use. Sets using nine, ten, twelve, and even fifteen tubes are by no means uncommon to-

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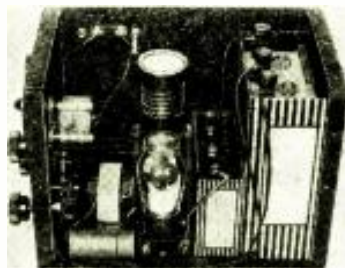


day. However, little attention is being paid to another angle of the short-wave market that is also very much alive—portable receivers.

Many people who are cursed with bad locations for short-wave reception would like to take compact receivers out in the country with them on Saturday or Sunday drives. Away from the

Fig. 1, left. Diagram. Circuit consists of regenerative det., and one audio stage.

Fig. A, below. Internal view. Coil is mounted between the 2 tubes.



noise of the city, remarkable results can be obtained with relatively simple outfits.

The very definite demand for a set of this kind led the writer to design this "band-spread portable." This is truly a portable receiver in that a person can carry it more than 10 feet without dislocating his shoulder. It can be thrown in the back of a car or carried comfortably in a train or trolley. Complete, with all required batteries, it weighs only 9 pounds.

If this sounds like a lot of radio set to lug around, weigh up your handbag the next time you have occasion to take a short trip! You'll be surprised to learn how much more than nine pounds it weighs.

The receiver is built into a strong metal case measuring only 8 3/4 by 6 3/4 by 5 1/4 ins. wide, fitted at the top with

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## AN IMPROVED 2-TUBE SHORT-WAVE BOOSTER

This unit was designed for the purpose of improving the efficiency of your present short-wave receiver. It is an improved 2-stage short-wave amplifier, A.C. operated, employs special completely shielded compartment type coils, and is very simple to connect to any type of receiver.

S. MILLER\*

**I**N THE average short-wave receiver, the input voltage of faint or practically inaudible stations has a relatively constant value depending

\*Chief Eng'g., Postal Radio Corp.

upon numerous factors, chief among them being antenna pick-up efficiency and signal strength.

If the power of a weak or inaudible foreign station remains the same, your

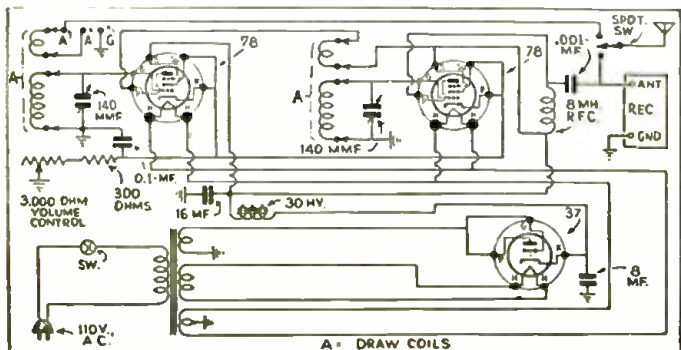


Fig. 1  
The wiring diagram of a 3-tube, 2-stage short-wave signal booster. Special compartment type coils are employed.



antenna will always receive the signal with the same intensity (under similar atmospheric conditions). If the average intensity of the received signal is too weak to activate your receiver, it will not be heard regardless of how sensitive your receiver is or how much audio amplification you use.

On the other hand, if that same feeble signal could be strengthened considerably, before it is fed into the receiver, the result will be equivalent to an apparent increase of power on the part of the broadcasting station, and the same signal will become distinctly audible (or it may operate the loud-speaker at full volume). This is exactly what this R.F. booster does.

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# THE LISTENING POST FOR ALL-WAVE DX-ERS

The author imparts some very valuable information on how to best obtain proof, or verification, of foreign station reception. Also, schedules and hints on DX on all waves.

C. A. MORRISON



Zeesen's (Germany) directional antennas.

**W**ITH that feeling of pride that comes to every Dx'er upon hearing his first foreign station, whether it be on the broadcast band, or short waves, there arises a natural desire to have some way of proving to other people that he actually received this station. It is through this desire to show proof of foreign reception that the hobby of acquiring verifications or confirmations has arisen. A verification of reception is nothing more than a written statement by letter or postal card from a station that, upon a certain day and at a certain hour, you actually received their station. It stands to reason that for a station to issue such a positive statement they must be reasonably sure that you actually heard them. The more accurate and concise information you can furnish to the station the better are your chances for securing a verification. A report of value to the station is never turned down. The approved method for the securing of verifications is as follows:

When listening to a foreign station, and if you wish to verify, have a reliable clock and your log book handy. Carefully note down *what* is heard and the *time* in your log book. When noting musical selections, *titles* should be given if possible, *type of musical instruments*, *type of music* (whether march, jazz, classic, etc.) When noting songs include *titles* if possible and always specify whether male or female voices, *number of voices*, *type of music* (jazz, blues, operatic, etc.), *type of voice* (bass, tenor, soprano, etc.). When noting a speaking voice include actual words spoken when possible and type of voice (high pitched, or low pitched, etc.). If in a foreign tongue state kind of language if possible. *Call letters* should be noted, along with location, and musical signal if any. If station is signing off be sure and note the exact time.

In writing to the station be sure you have the correct address by referring to some good station log. The letter should consist of a resumé of what you heard as given above, and the time each item was recorded. *Return postage* should always be enclosed. When writing to a

foreign country return postage should be enclosed in the form of an *International Reply Coupon* which you can purchase at your local post office for a few cents.

For your report to be of value to the station these general items should be included in your letters; (1) State weather conditions, (2) temperature, (3) direction of wind, (4) volume of station's signal, (5) whether fading—and how bad, (6) whether natural static was present, (7) was station interference experienced, (8) type of receiver in use—and number of tubes. These facts, in addition to your report, will certainly insure you an interesting and attractive confirmation of reception. In the case of foreign stations it should be kept in mind that several weeks, or even months, may be necessary before you receive your reply. Many DX'ers have accumulated, over a period of years, collections of hundreds of verifications which are greatly prized by them.

Next month we shall delve deeper into this fascinating subject of securing foreign verifications, describing how you may obtain a verification of a program, even though both music and voice are of a foreign nature, and describing for you some of the logs of the greatest DX'ers of all times, and to what they attribute their success.

## What to Listen For During December-January

### —Broadcast Band—

With the exception of Australian-New Zealand stations, December and January are usually the peak months for foreign reception in North America

on the broadcast band. At this time signals from Japan, China, Hawaii, Alaska, Central America, South America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand are heard under good weather conditions.

Foreign countries which will be received best during this period on the eastern coast of the United States will be about as follows in order of consistency: (1) Europe and South America. (2) Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. (3) Japan and Central America. (4) Alaska and China—very rarely.

Foreign countries which will be received best in the central area (From the Appalachian to the Rocky Mountains) will be about as follows in consistency: (1) Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. (2) South and Central America. (3) Japan and Europe. (4) China and Alaska rare.

Foreign countries in order of best reception for the Pacific coast area will generally be (1) Japan, China, and Hawaii. (2) Australia, New Zealand, and Alaska. (3) South America rare. (4) Europe very rare.

Foreign stations from the east are best received for a period of one or two hours after the U.S. stations have signed off for the night. Foreign stations from the west are best received one or two hours before dawn. Stations to the south are received good to fair almost daily with average weather conditions. Their reception being limited principally by their power, or to the times when they are on the air unusually late on a clear channel. Once in a while, they will break through the U.S. stations in the early evening.

DX'ing reports for the early part of the season indicate foreign stations being received with unusual excellence. Europeans coming in very good on the eastern coast. Japanese and Chinese stations good on the Pacific coast, and Australia and New Zealand stations fair to good over the whole area. South Americans are breaking through in the early evenings.

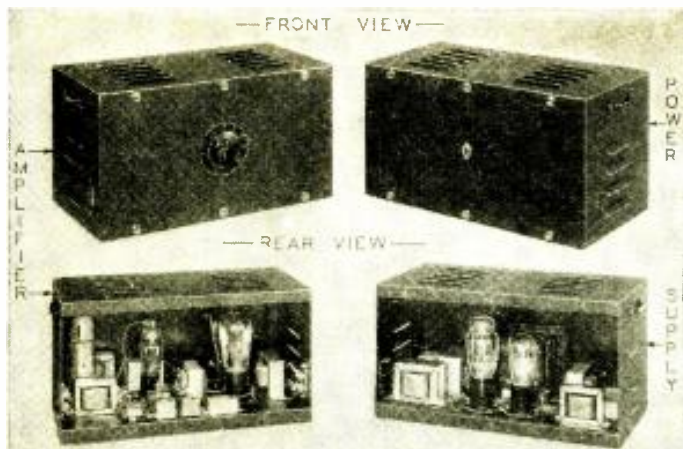
### Short-Wave Band

As fall changes slowly into winter the seasonal high—  
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A view of the transmitting equipment at Reykjavik, Iceland.







# AN ECONOMICAL P.A. AMPLIFIER

This amplifier is suitable for the majority of P.A. installations. It has a power output of 18 watts, total distortion less than 5 per cent, and uses type 45 tubes in the power stage. Power supply is built separately, facilitating rack and panel installations.

A. J. KOENIG\*

**S**ERVICE Men and other technicians who are bemoaning the shrinkage of their income on radio receivers, would do well to devote some serious thought to the lucrative opportunities offered in public address applications. Many have been quick to realize the wisdom of an investment in a sound system but have been deterred largely because of limited funds. It is the purpose of this paper to describe an amplifier which shall meet all the necessary requirements and at the same time be well within the price range of those who have procrastinated on account of financial considerations.

\*Engineer, Kenyon Transformer Co., Inc.

Fig. 1. Wiring diagram of amplifier; employs only 4 tubes.

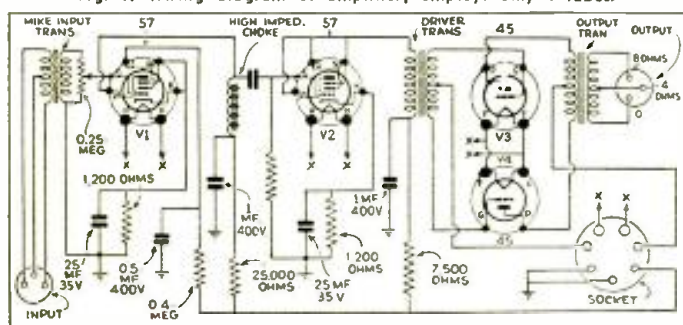
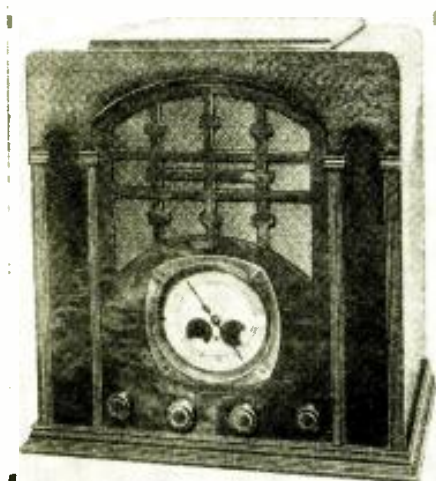
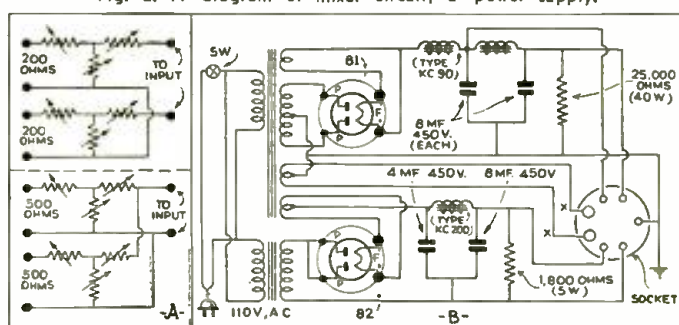


Fig. 2. A—diagram of mixer circuit; B—power supply.



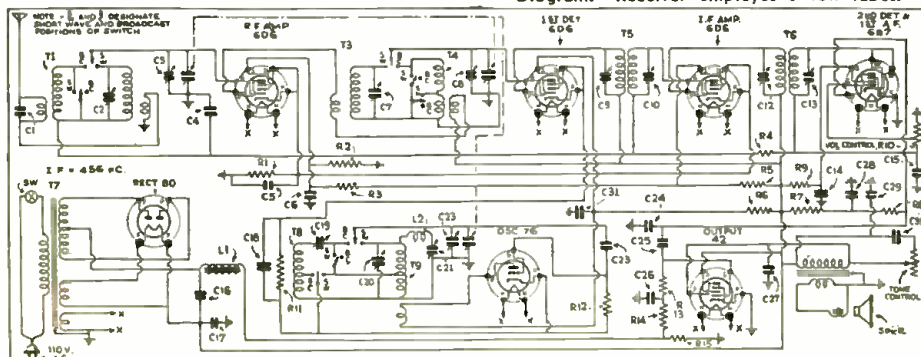
# AN IMPRESSIVE 7-TUBE DUAL-RANGE SUPERHET

This receiver has distinctive design features which make it an outstanding performer on broadcast and short-waves.

**T**HE RECEIVER illustrated in the adjacent photograph is of unusual design, both in regard to appearance and engineering. One is im-

Illustrations, courtesy J. Matheson Bell, Inc.

Diagram. Receiver employs 6 volt tubes.



mediately impressed by these facts, which are later proved when a closer scrutiny is made of the set's construction. The 5-inch tuning dial is of such intriguing design that it lends distinction to the physical appearance! It incorporates, in addition to the dual-wave range scale, two novel indicators which are directly and respectively controlled by the volume and tone controls.

## Circuit

This receiver is a broadcast and short-wave set with a frequency coverage of 530 to 1,740 kc. on the broadcast band, and 5.8 to 18.3 mc. on the short-wave band. Dual-band coverage is accomplished by means of dual sets of

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# NEW DESIGN IN ALL-WAVE ANTENNAS

The improvements described result in greater volume on the broadcast as well as short-wave bands. Also, they assure reduction of local interference, which permits full efficiency from high-fidelity receivers. Since most listeners make use of the tone control to minimize the strength of noise, the advantage of an efficient noise-reducing antenna, as an aid to fidelity, becomes obvious.

A. H. LYNCH\*

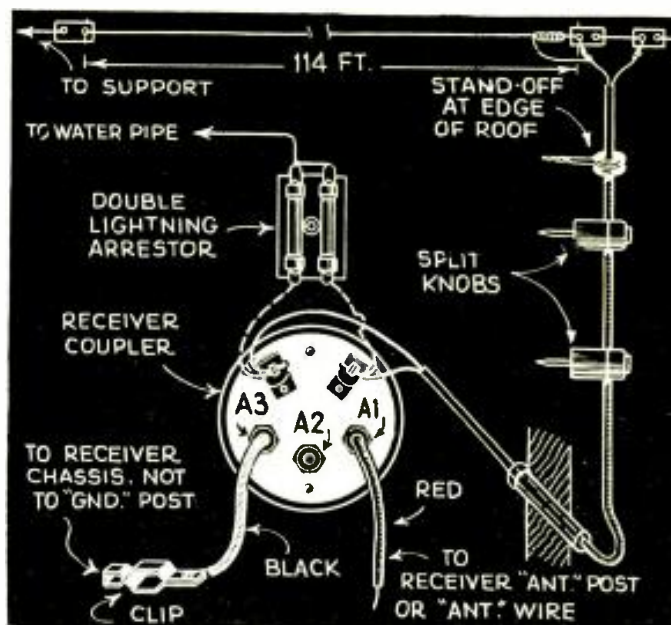


Fig. 2. A simple, complete noise-reducing, all-wave antenna system.

UP TO the present time every all-wave noise-reducing antenna system has been deficient in signal strength on the broadcast band. In some systems a compromise has been made with noise by including a switching arrangement which converted the antenna from a doublet with noise-reducing properties to an ordinary "T" antenna with no noise-reducing properties. It had been thought impossible to provide an antenna system which would be efficient over the very broad band of frequencies which lie between 5 meters and 600 meters, which is equivalent to 55,000 to 550 kilocycles.

The ordinary broadcast receiver has a frequency ratio of approximately 3 to 1. New and improved antenna systems, now available, have a frequency ratio of more than 40 to 1.

## Location Determines Better Type

For the person who is located in the city or who lives on a modest-sized plot in the suburbs, the new doublet antenna system shown in Fig. 1D is recommended because the total length of the horizontal portion of the antenna need not be more than 41 feet. Naturally an antenna of such small dimensions will not have the pick-up of one made with a very much longer flat-top. But this deficiency is overcome in a most practical manner in the afore-

mentioned system by the use of an impedance-matching device at the antenna which eliminates the losses usually sustained in the ordinary type of noise-reducing lead-in.

Where suitable space is available an entirely different type of antenna is suggested having a total over-all length of 114 feet which is approximately half a wave-length at 70 meters or 4.3 kilocycles. With this type of horizontal antenna the lead-in is taken from the end rather than in the center. This has been done as a matter of mechanical

convenience rather than electrical efficiency. This system is shown in Fig. 2. Its commercial prototypes were known as inverted L-type antenna systems.

The latter system does not require the elaborate and rather expensive antenna transformer and where space is available it is recommended as being superior to the doublet type. As is true with the duplex system, the flat top need not be in a straight line. It may zig-zag, but it should not double back on itself.

## How the Systems Work

Most of the important short-wave broadcast stations operate on approximately 13, 16, 19, 24, 31, 49, and 70 meters. A long horizontal antenna cut to receive on 70 meters is fairly efficient on all of the other wavelengths and it is extremely good in the broadcast band. Such an antenna should be at least 30 feet above the ground. By reason of the size of the collector (antenna) the signal strength it picks up is rather large and compensates for small deficiencies between the antenna and the receiver which could not be tolerated with a collector of the smaller size. Therefore, the impedance-matching transformer at the antenna is eliminated for both mechanical and financial reasons. A low-impedance transmission line is used on both sys-

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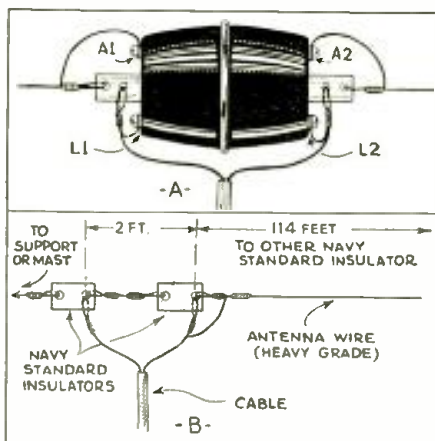
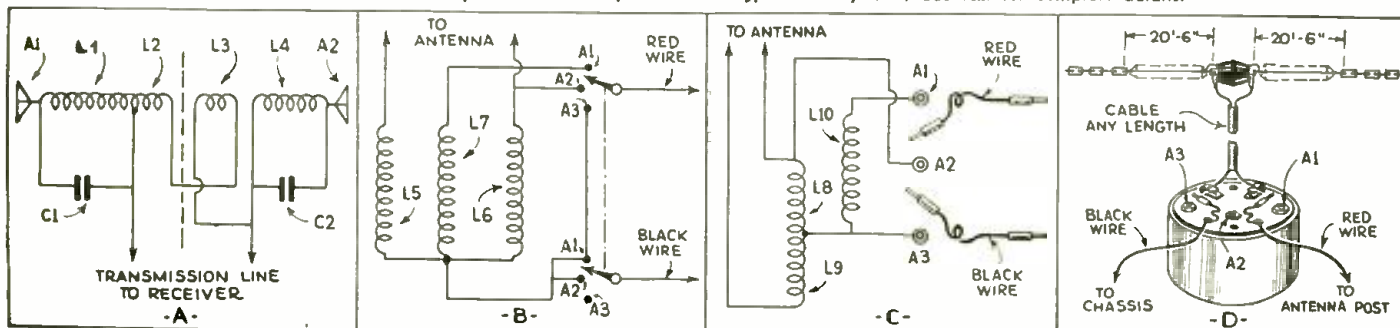


Fig. 3, above.  
A—new antenna coupler; B—end-fed antenna.

Fig. 1. Fundamental and practical all-wave, noise-reducing, antenna systems. See text for complete details.





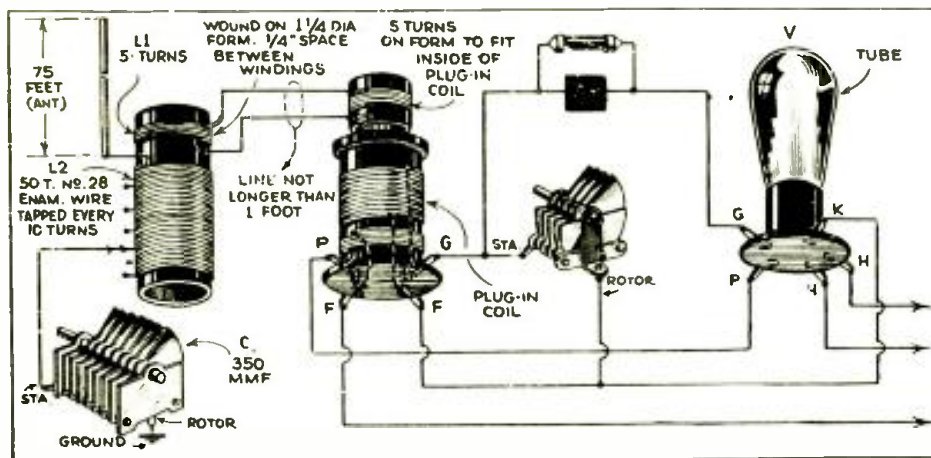
# SHORT-CUTS IN RADIO

FIRST PRIZE . . . . . \$10.00  
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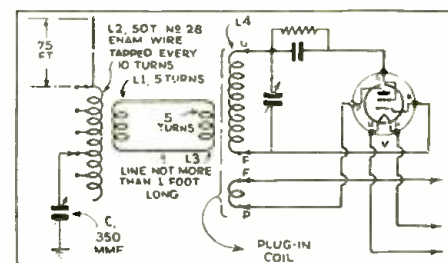
## Honorable Mention

**EXPERIMENTERS:** Three cash prizes will be awarded for the best "short-cuts" — time- and money-saving ideas—submitted by readers of **RADIO-CRAFT**; Honorable mention will be given for all other published items concerning radio and its allied fields.

Send us your "kinks" right away.



Device to increase short-wave sensitivity, and signal-to-noise ratio.



Circuit of unit pictured at left.

## FIRST PRIZE

**I**F AN antenna is resonated at the frequency to which the receiver is tuned a considerable increase in signal strength can be obtained; also, the signal-to-noise ratio will be improved. The illustrations above show a simple device that can be constructed for tuning the antenna of a short-wave set from approximately 15 to 75 meters. The antenna proper is roughly tuned by L2, which is tapped at every

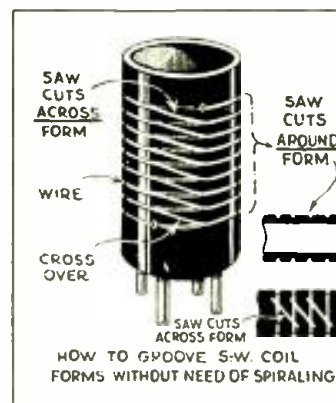
10 turns; fine tuning is accomplished by means of condenser C. Coupling between antenna and receiver (represented by tube V) is accomplished by a "link" circuit, one coil of which is inductively coupled to the antenna loading coil, and the other to the receiver. The little 5-turn coil, L3, at the receiver end of the link may be slipped inside the grid end of coil L4. We strongly recommend that short-wave fans give this gadget a try.

GEORGE N. SHORTT

## SECOND PRIZE

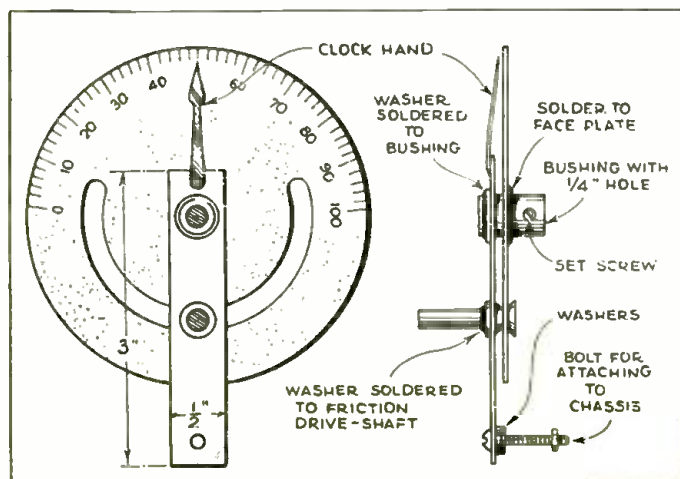
**S**OLVED!—the problem of how to successfully groove short-wave coil forms at home. The idea is to cut in the tube base, by means of a coping saw, as many closed-circle grooves as may be required for the desired number of turns of wire; the form is conveniently rotated for the purpose by utilizing a hand-saw. Just drill a hole in the center of the base of the coil form, run a bolt through the hole and tighten in place by using a lock-washer, nut, and lock-nut, and grip the bolt in the chuck of a hand-drill. Hold the saw-blade against the coil form and rotate the form until a groove of suitable depth has been cut. The final step is to mount the coil in a vise and a series of diagonal grooves along the top of the form, at an angle of 45 degrees. These straight, diagonal incisions join each successive ring, as shown in the illustration at the right.

S. S. MARGLON



At last! short-wave coil forms may be easily grooved

This kink saves set builders a dollar or two.



## THIRD PRIZE

**H**ERE is the way you can make a back-of-panel control from an old front-of-panel dial—such as Marco, etc. Just discard the bakelite cover and retain only the dial and friction drive-shaft. (The particular dial illustrated at the left is a rebuilt Pilot.) An escutcheon on the panel will complete the commercial appearance of the job; most mail-order houses carry an assortment of designs and sizes. Many of the front-of-panel dials were equipped with translucent discs on which the graduations were marked, consequently, these lend themselves very nicely to illumination by means of a pilot light mounted in back.

Little mechanical ideas such as this one may be applied by the radio man who wishes to save a dollar here and there, in conjunction with the valuable information contained in **RADIO-CRAFT LIBRARY BOOK NO. 6**, "Bringing Electric Sets Up to Date," to "cash in" on the intrinsic value of a great number of older set models that are now available for a song.

GEORGE H. MORSE

# READERS' DEPARTMENT

A department in which the reader may exchange thoughts and ideas with other readers.

## S.-W. SERVICING IN HAITI

Editor, RADIO-CRAFT:

A Lincoln SW33 battery-operated set, after 1 month of service cut off suddenly. When called to service this set I thought first it was the primary of the first A.F. transformer which had burned out, but this transformer proved good after test. The defect was in the tuning meter. "It's a long way to New York," from Port-de-Paix, to get a replacement meter, so I connected a wire across the terminal leads in the meter and the set worked as perfectly as before.

GEO. A. CELESTIN,  
Port-de-Paix,  
Haiti,  
British West Indies.

## THE WHOLE STAFF THANKS YOU!

Editor, RADIO-CRAFT:

Have been buying Gernsback publications since they first came out years ago and I think they are "all to the berries" (if you'll pardon my French).

To date I have built and used nearly all test equipment and literally hundreds of various hookups, and while some of them had an error or two in the diagram, I have never been stumped, and have not had a failure yet. I have no kicks to make.

I take this opportunity of thanking the whole staff, for their fine dope and wish them many years of continued success.

JACK GEIER,  
% Valley Radio Shop,  
San Fernando, Calif.

## PSK-PRF-5 RIO DE JANEIRO

Editor, RADIO-CRAFT:

For your information and in case it is of any use to you for publication, I tender a few details of PSK-PRF-5, the "I.T. & T." short-wave transmitter of Rio de Janeiro which I have seen mentioned repeatedly in your columns (sometimes erroneously by our old call sign PRBA, or by PRA-3, the call sign of a medium-wave station we frequently relay).

**Operating Company:** The transmitter belongs and is operated by the Companhia Radio Internacional do Brasil (a member of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.) and is employed regularly for the international telephone service to New York, Buenos Aires and Madrid, and from these points to the rest of the world, and also for special short-wave broadcast programs.

**Operating Schedules:** International telephone daily channels and special programs through the following stations:

FREQ. IN KC.	W. L. IN METERS	CALL LETTERS	MISC. REMARKS
21,080	14.23	PSA	Tele. to New York
14,690	20.4	PSF	Tele. to Buenos Aires and Madrid
14,935	20.7	PSE	Ditto
10,220	29.35	PSH	Tele. to Madrid
9,505	31.5	PRF-5	Special Broadcast Programs
8,185	36.65	PSK	Tele. and Special Night Programs to Buenos Aires

For the telephone channels "inverters" or "speech scramblers" are employed to assure secrecy of communication.

**Broadcast Programs:** The Brazilian government transmits daily, with the exception of Sundays, their news bulletin of the "Programs Nacional" through PRF-5 (31.5 M.). From 22:30 G.M.T. news in Portuguese; and from 23:00 until 23:15 G.M.T., news in English, French, Spanish and German.

Special musical broadcast programs are frequently relayed in combination with some of the local medium-wave stations. Station PSK with directive antennas to Buenos Aires is frequently used to relay Rio programs to the Argentine stations, and PRF-5 is employed when the program is meant for the rest of the world.

**Transmitter:** The equipment employed is a "Standard" 60 kw. short-wave radio-phone transmitter (similar to the B.B.C. Empire transmitter), and is located in Marapicú in the middle of the Brazilian jungle, at a distance of 80 kilometers from the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro.

**Reception and Exchange of International Programs:** With great success we have very frequently received and relayed programs from other countries. Among these we may mention England, France, Italy, U.S.A., Germany, Argentine, Uruguay, Spain, Portugal, etc. For these relays special high-gain superheterodyne receivers together with "double-vee" directive antennas are employed.

**Listeners' Reports:** Listeners' reports will be greatly appreciated. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Short-Wave Station,  
Caixa Postal 709,  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

We hope that this information will be of use to the readers of RADIO-CRAFT.

J. C. BRAGGIO, Comm'l. Mgr.,  
Companhia Radio Internacional do Brasil,  
Caixa Postal 709,  
Rue Visconde Inhaúma, 64-40,  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

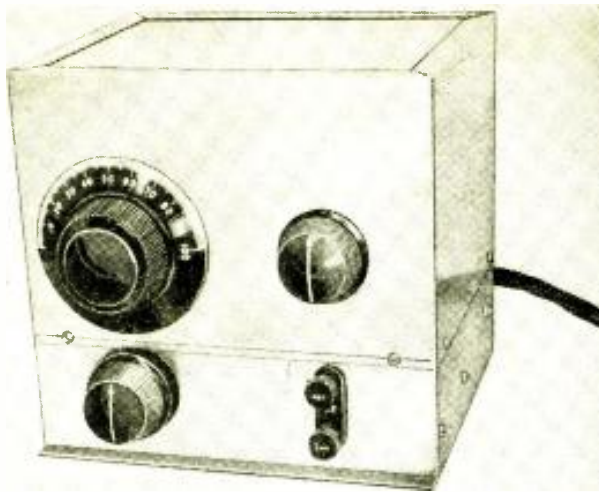
We are sure that owners of short-wave and all-wave receivers will be interested in the above information concerning this transmitter in the jungles of Brazil. Undoubtedly, the operators of this installation will be "tickled pink" to receive reports from listeners, and we urge our readers to give these boys some consolation in their isolation.

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View of transmitting station located at Marapicú near Rio de Janeiro, S.A. Directive antenna arrays to Madrid in background. Thick jungle had to be cleared to build this station.







# A REAL "HOW-TO-BUILD" SERVICE MAN'S ALL-WAVE OSCILLATOR

Here is what all Service Men have been looking for! A really complete article on building your own 110 V. A.C.-D.C. all-wave oscillator; all fundamental frequencies from 7 mc. to 110 kc.

HOWARD J. BENNER

**T**HE TREND of the radio market toward receivers having more than one band has created a serious problem for the Service Man. He is confronted with the problem of servicing all-wave receivers with equipment that was designed only for the broadcast band. The use of harmonics has been one way out of this problem, but at higher frequencies the harmonics are so close together that a calibration is

next to impossible and proper tracking becomes difficult.

This article presents a simple and inexpensive A.C.-D.C. all-wave service oscillator or "signal generator" which the Service Man or amateur can easily construct. This instrument is not of the usual type that works on harmonics, but instead supplies fundamental frequencies, and is in every sense a laboratory instrument.

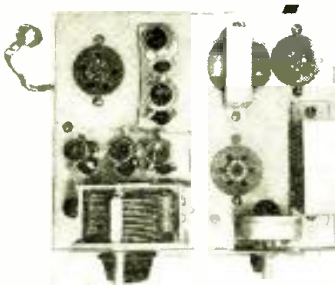
The output control completely attenuates the signals, and no signal is evident even on the ultra-sensitive receivers of today. This has been accomplished by effectively filtering the line and completely shielding the generator. A shielded lead from the signal generator to the receiver must be used to reduce stray field. For use on the higher frequencies a 400-ohm resistor is placed in series with the "hot" lead from the generator. This is necessary because the average antenna does not have the characteristics of our usual

dummy antenna but has effectively a higher impedance, and 400 ohms is considered the proper match.

Figure 1 shows the circuit diagram. As can be seen, the instrument consists of four units. These are: (1) the oscillator; (2) modulator; (3) attenuator, and (4) power supply.

The oscillator circuit uses a type 77 tube operated as an electron-coupled oscillator. The control-grid, screen-grid, and cathode are used as the oscillator elements. The plate is used only to couple the generated signal to the output posts. The oscillator is of the familiar Hartley type with the tuned grid coil tapped to provide feed-back. This type oscillator with the advantage of electronic coupling has proved very satisfactory, since a variation of output load, even at the highest frequencies, has little reaction on the oscillator. This is accomplished as a result of the suppressor-grid being tied to the screen-

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Here is how the parts should be placed

Fig. 1. Wiring diagram of oscillator.

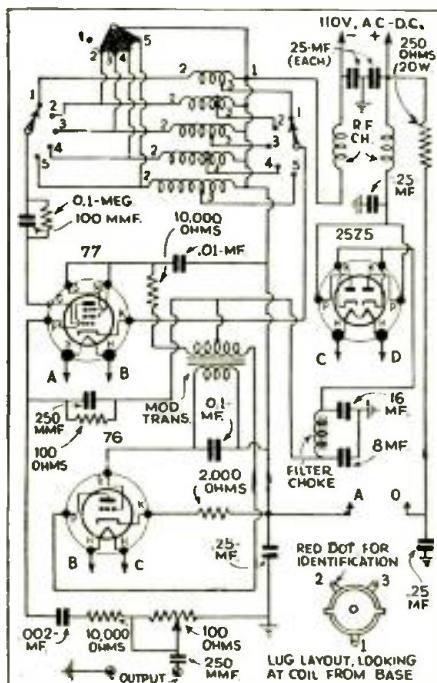


Fig. 2. Building and drilling the chassis.

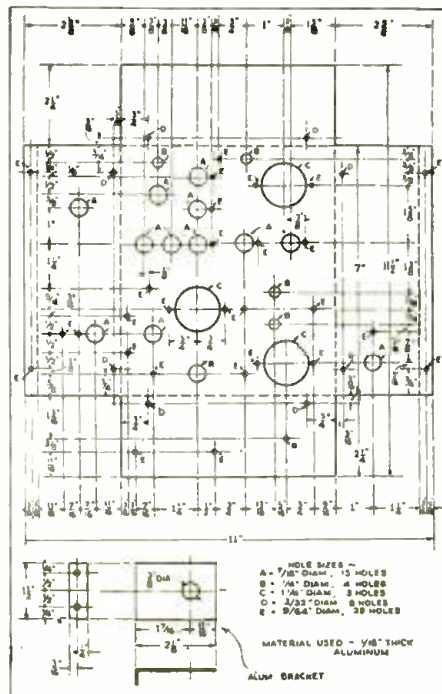
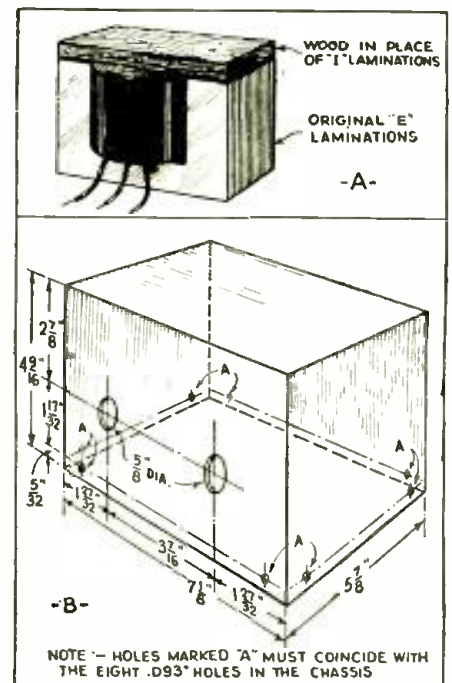


Fig. 3. A—modulation transf.; B—cover.



# OFFICIAL RADIO SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MEMBERS' FORUM

This department is devoted to members and those interested in the Official Radio Service Men's Association. It is the medium for exchanging ideas, kinks, gossip and notes of interest to those who comprise the membership.

### SOMETHING WRONG?

RADIO-CRAFT, ORSMA Dept.:

In the course of the last year or so I have had a good many car radio sets come into my service shop with stuck vibrators. Apparently the sets have been O. K. otherwise. At the present time I have a Philco N, an Atwater Kent 424, a Ford Majestic and a small G. E., all with the familiar trouble of a sticking vibrator.

Surely there must be something wrong that I am missing as it wouldn't be likely that all these power units are defective, and as many are only a few weeks old it can't be because they are worn out.

I would like to know if it is advisable to clean the contact points, readjust the contact gaps, etc., as a remedy or if it is best to replace the entire assembly. It has been my experience that replacing the entire unit is the only remedy after the points have become pitted.

JESSE SMITH, JR.

Here is a question which has stumped many a Service Man. What do other members of the ORSMA think about this letter. Are the sets at fault? Is it best to replace the entire vibrator assembly or can the units be repaired to the advantage of both the Service Man and the customer? These are questions which can be settled best by the opinions of other members who have experienced the same or similar troubles.

The opinion of one auto-radio expert is that wherever the aforementioned trouble occurs the best remedy would be to replace the entire vibrator assembly. His experience has been that the early models which incorporated such devices have always given trouble due to design kinks which did not develop until the sets were placed in the field. Since then, improved vibrators have been developed, which, when installed, will eliminate almost completely this type of trouble.

### A VERSATILE TEST PANEL

RADIO-CRAFT, ORSMA Dept.:

Knowing your interest in the Service Men and their problems, I feel that you will be interested in an up-to-date test panel which I use in my service shop and which has been just completed after several weeks of drafting and study.

I enclose a picture (shown below) which shows the panel (center) with the dynamic and magnetic speakers on the panel above. These speakers can be arranged for use on any radio set I might receive for servicing, by means of various field coils brought out and connected in series (with proper cores) by means of phone-tip jack connections between each coil. This permits any resistance unit to be "thrown" into a set circuit where necessary. Also, tips are provided for connecting the voice coil to the output of the set with clip connections. Where the set carries no output transformer, arrangements are made by a switch and jacks to connect a transformer behind the speaker panel to the set and speaker, thus providing coupling.

All parts used in building this board are parts of old test units or parts thrown around the junk box. The only part bought was a new multitester unit. This can be connected to the board by "loop wires" with phone tips. A ten wire cable connects from plug (6-prong with phone-tip center jack) to panel sockets,—one each of the 4, 5, 6 and composite 6-7 sockets, each socket lug hooking into phone-tip jacks shown in line at the bottom of the panel. The cathode, plate, screen-grid and suppressor-grid lines can be opened by toggle switches. I have the filament lines going to a 0-15 volt A.C. meter, the screen-grid and plate lines looping through a special 3-way switch (from the junk box) one for each circuit—to the milliammeter. This arrangement is necessary because of using one meter for both screen-grid and plate—to keep them separate. The meter is 0-20-100. I use two large and two small push-buttons, shown under the meter (center top) one large and one small for each circuit, the large one reading the higher scale, and the smaller the lower scale. A push-button under the filament A.C. meter cuts in this meter across the filament circuit.

On this board is provided an output meter with two ranges, which is more easily accessible than changing the multitester, as well as a separate 0-200 D.C. voltmeter (upper left) and a 0-10,000 ohmmeter. These are brought out to phone jacks in line with the other tip jacks.

The large Weston meter is a heavy duty type, used  
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A complete test panel for the shop, built by one member.





# THE ANALYSIS OF RADIO RECEIVER SYMPTOMS

## OPERATING NOTES

### WHAT THIS DEPARTMENT IS FOR

It is conducted especially for the professional Service Man. In it will be found the most unusual troubles encountered in radio service work, written in a practical manner, by Service Men for you.

Have you, as a professional man, encountered any unusual or interesting Service Kinks that may help your fellow workers? If so, let us have them. They will be paid for, upon publication, at regular space rates.

the cathode leads had opened inside the tube. This receiver uses the 25Z5 as two half-wave rectifiers, one-half supplying current to the speaker field and the other half to the tubes.

An emergency repair due to lack of a 25Z5 tube was made by connecting the 2 cathodes together. This put the tube load in parallel with the speaker field portion of the rectifier. No harm resulted by connecting in this way and the receiver worked fine until a new tube was procured.

Difficulty in tuning to and holding a station was traced to insufficient tension of the springs on the tuning condenser rotors.

Soldering pigtails eliminated this trouble.

MARIO BORNUCA

### DEFECTIVE TUBES—

Are not to be considered as the subject for an Operating Note. It is assumed that all Service Men test tubes when making a service call. Their experiences on the subject of testing tubes, unless most unusual, are not of sufficient interest to other Service Men. Operating Notes should be confined to those faults which are characteristic of, and repeatedly occur in connection with a particular model of radio receiver.

### STEWART-WARNER MODEL 116A

THIS is a broadcast receiver incorporating a police band, and using a 6A7 first-detector and oscillator. The complaint was, "no reception on the broadcast band, accompanied by noise at several positions of the station selector." See Fig. 1.

After testing all tubes and checking socket voltages a continuity test was made on the coils in the radio-frequency section which revealed an open section of the antenna coil. This coil is wound with large enough wire to be easily rewound.

CHESTER MCCLINTLOCK

### BEST 4 TUBE MIDGET

THIS receiver uses 6C6, 6D6, 43 and 25Z5 tubes. Receiver was dead as far as signal was concerned. Speaker had an alive sound. Refer to Fig. 2.

No voltage anywhere except at speaker field. Trouble was found to be due to defective 25Z5 tube. One of

### "NEW YORKER" (U.S. RADIO & TELEVISION CORP.)

RARELY has a set come in with so much wrong with it. Receiver received dead. Due to an open 5,000 ohm section of the voltage dividing system, i. e., the 5,000 ohm section of the two fields. Symptoms, no screen-grid voltage on either 24A and no control-grid bias, and hence high plate current in the 71A—nearly 40 ma. By careful inspection of the removed field coil the break was located approximately 2,400 ohms in from the outer end of the coil, and at this point, only, a few turns were lost until the continuity was again picked up from the inner end of the coil, and the two sections soldered together. Corrosion probably caused the trouble. For schematic see Fig. 3.

Each electrolytic condenser was drawing far too much current and the two were replaced to avoid trouble here. Originals were each 8 mf.,

275 V., but 400 V. jobs were used for replacement. Placed in operation, after the field repair and condenser renewal, the set was practically dead! Cause: a shorted 0.01-mf. R.F. cathode resistor bypass condenser. Theoretically, this should give maximum volume as it gives no bias and hence high plate current in the R.F. 24A, but such was actually not the case, perhaps due to overloading. Be this as it may, replacement of this condenser was in order. On the usual routine test of all condensers it was found that replacement of the following condensers was necessary:

(1) the above-mentioned R.F. cathode bypass, 0.01-mf.; the 0.05-mf. detector control-grid to cathode isolating condenser; the 0.1-mf. detector screen-grid bypass; the 0.01-mf. detector plate to 71A control-grid coupling condenser (a 600 V. job here); and the 0.1-mf. 71A control-grid resistor bypass. All were leaky, and except

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Fig. 1  
Stewart-Warner 116A; noisy, no reception.

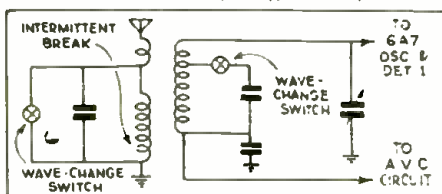


Fig. 2, below. Best 4 tube; fading.

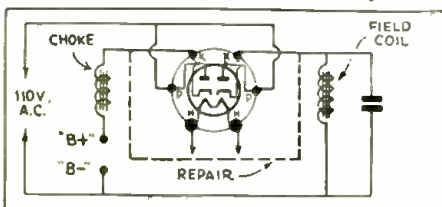
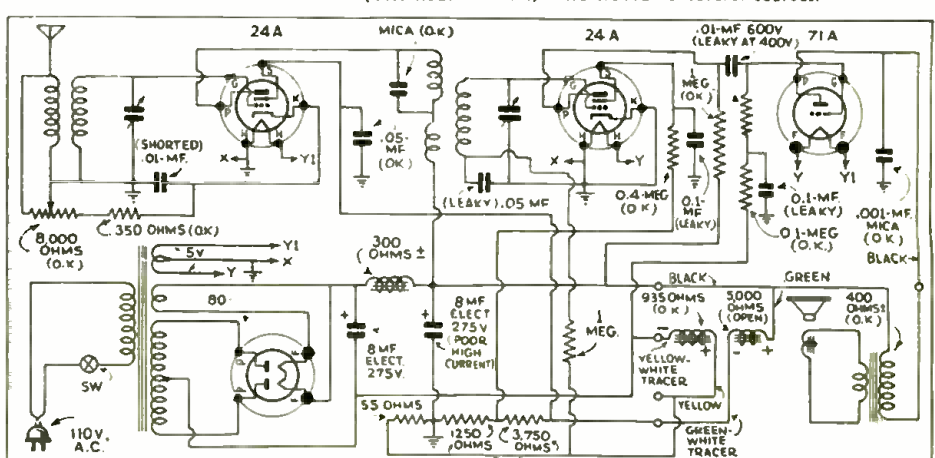


Fig. 3  
Troubles in a "New Yorker" (U.S. Rad. & Telev.) were traced to several sources.



## RCA VICTOR MODEL 102 4-TUBE A.C.-D.C. T.R.F. RECEIVER

(Incorporates wide tuning range: 540 to 1,712 kc.; A.F. power output, 0.18-W.; circuit permits compact chassis design.)

Following are operating voltage and current figures for this set, measured to K, or fil.

Tube Type	C.-G. Volts	S.-G. Volts	Plate Volts	Plate Ma.
V1	2.5	105	105	7.0
V2	2.0*	17.5*	40*	0.1
V3	10.0	100	95	5.5
V4	—	—	115**	16.0

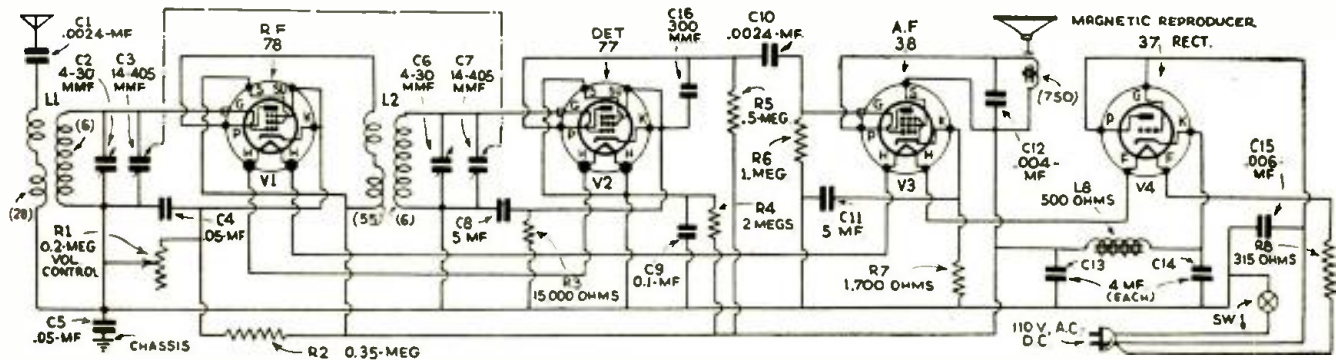
(\*) Impossible to measure on ordinary voltmeter; (\*\*) r.m.s. Above voltages for A.C. will be approximately 5% lower on 115 V. D.C. Measure at maximum volume.

The receiver is aligned at 1,400 kc. for maximum output. Align the tuned circuits with the trimmers in position of minimum capacity. After alignment, check to make sure that a 1,712 kc. signal can be heard when the main tuning condenser is near its extreme minimum position. Power consumption, 40 W.

Care should be taken to avoid restriction of natural ventilation as would occur with the set resting upon or placed close to a radiator or other heating device.

In most localities the 20 ft. antenna lead of the set will provide sufficient pick-up.

This set is observed as being one of the most simple and effective designs that can be produced. A single, type 78, variable-mu pentode, V1, is coupled to a type 77, non-variable-mu pentode, V2; the A.F. output of V2 is amplified by the type 38 tube, also a pentode. The 37 rectifier furnishes adequate current for this combination. Inasmuch as a tuned radio frequency circuit is utilized there can be no whistles of any sort when tuning across the scale as often occurs in sets of the superheterodyne type which incorporate only a limited number of tubes.



## GENERAL ELECTRIC TABLE MODEL M-49 4 TUBE RADIO-PHONOGRAPH DUAL-WAVE SUPER.

(Features: frequency range, 540 to 1,500 and 1,600 to 3,500 k.c.; A.F. power output, 1.9 W.; tone control; phono. is 78 r.p.m.)

Following are the operating voltage and current figures for this receiver, at 120 V. line potential; maximum volume setting of R6, and no signal. Measure to cathode.

Tube Type	C.-G. Volts	S.-G. Volts	Plate Volts	Plate Ma.
V1	1.25	70	235	2.5
V1*	—	—	180	3.5
V2	1.25	70	235	5.5
V2**	19	—	145	0.4
V3	17	240	230	26.5
V4	—	—	335	50.0

A feature of the power supply circuit—only one secondary is used in power auto-transformer P.T. This is accomplished by having a cathode-type rectifier, series filaments, and taps on the secondary of P.T.

(\*) Oscillator section; (\*\*) second-detector section; (') actual voltage cannot be measured; (") r.m.s.

Second-detector coil L1 is tapped so that the tuning range may be extended merely by shorting out a portion of the coil. The oscillator circuit is not tapped, the high-frequency range being obtained by use of its second harmonic instead of the fundamental for obtaining the I.F.

Align at 1,400 and 600 kc. The magnetic pickup and tone-arm assembly are of new design and unique construction. Service work will consist mainly of centering the armature, replacing the rubber pivots, and replacing the magnet coil.

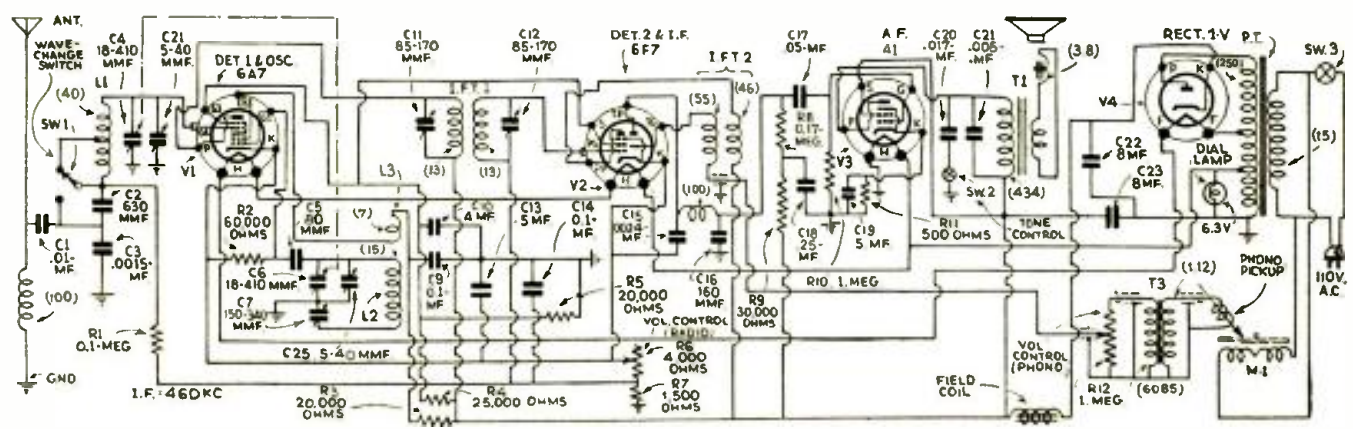
Care should be taken to avoid restriction of natural ventilation through the cabinet as would occur with the set situated so that its back is flush with a wall of the room or with the instrument resting upon or close to a radiator or other heating device. Black wire connects to antenna, and yellow, to ground.

The Synchronous motor used in this instrument is of simple design; the two stator coils are connected in series and the motor is started by giving it a clockwise spin by hand. If it is found difficult to start, or if it runs at a sub-synchronous speed such as at 70 r.p.m., such action may result from one of the following causes:

Difficult to Start: May be due to stator failing to rotate on outer bearing (due to spaghetti sleeve being jammed in the slot, or sticking to the resilient bumper). Outer bearing may not be properly lubricated. See that the ball bearings are at the bottom of the main assembly.

Slow Speed: Lift tone-arm from turntable until motor reaches normal speed.

At 125 V. the motor consumption is 4 W. Do not turn on motor with rotor removed as the heat rise will be excessive.





# RADIO-CRAFT'S INFORMATION BUREAU

### THAT REMOTE SPEAKER

(A.) We thank you for calling to our attention the diagram in question which, unfortunately, is in error; a correct version is shown in Fig. Q-300.

**"BUILD THIS ALL-WAVE SET"**  
(Re. "B" Unit)

(A.) Although the diagram of the "B" section of the unit is correct according to the original copy, we find upon further checking that this portion of the circuit is incorrect. A revision is shown as Fig. Q301. Note that, now, the plates of the rectifier connect to either end of the high-voltage winding of T1, and that "B—" now connects only to the centertap on this winding, the two buffer condensers, one side of the filament of the 84, and the low-potential leads of the two 25 mf., 25 V. electrolytic condensers. A point of interest in connection with this circuit is that, at first glance, an R.F. choke (connected to the cathode of the 84) appears to be the only A.F. filter unit in the "B" circuit; however, the fact is that the 1,800 ohm field coil, which is bypassed by two 8 mf. condensers, in the receiver circuit supplies the requisite filtering.

## 1 TUBE LOUDSPEAKER ALL-WAVE SET (The "Twinplex")

(Q.) Is it possible to make a "loudspeaker" set using only drcyll tubes of the 2 V. type? I would like to be able to make such a set if it is not too complicated. Most of the circuits I have seen, and which are capable of giving "decent" volume on the loudspeaker from local stations, have required at least 2 and usually 3 tubes, but it seems to me that the old Armstrong or "Ambassador" regenerative circuit could be used to advantage in some *really modern* circuit utilizing one of the new multi-purpose tubes, such as the 1A6.

It would be a "wise stunt" to mount the antenna trimmer right on the front panel where it would be easily accessible. The value of the grid leak shown as 3 megs. should be varied to meet individual requirements; once set, it should not again require adjustment.

## "WIRED RADIO" LAWS

(A.) In this connection we are advised by the Federal Radio Commission, as follows:

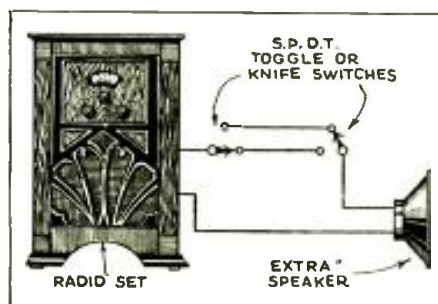
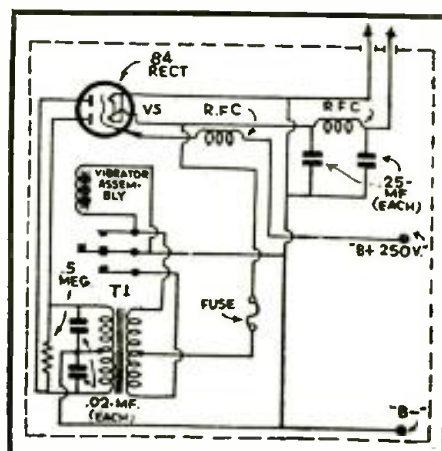


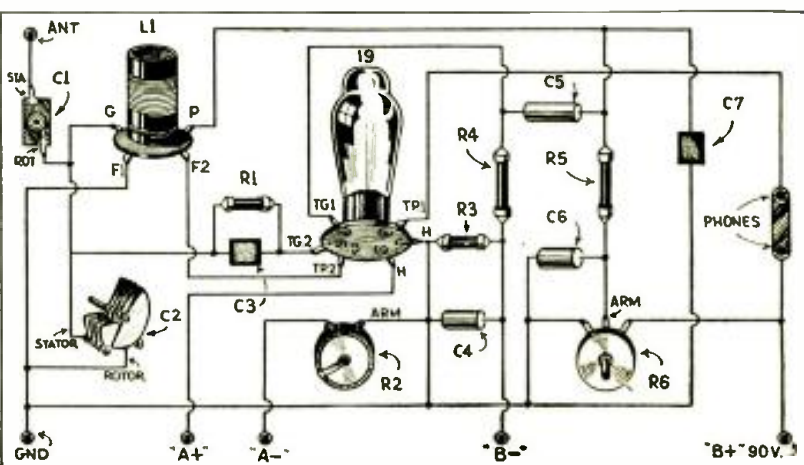
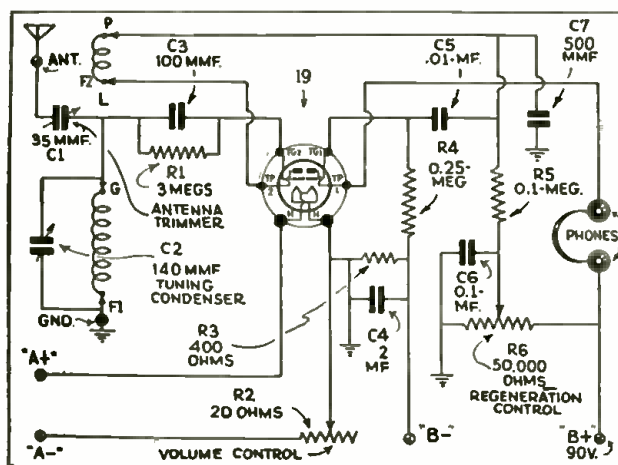
Fig. Q.300, above  
Off-on operation of remote speakers.

Fig. Q.301, right  
Correction of vibrator-type "B" unit.

Fig. Q.302, below  
A REAL 1 tube "loudspeaker" set.



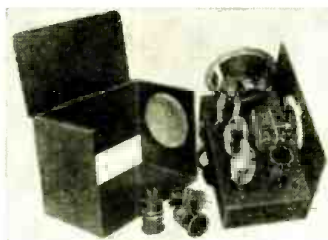
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A 3-tube short-wave set. (621)



Hi-fidelity, 15 W. P.A. unit. (622)



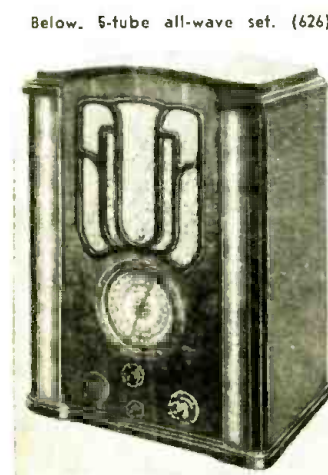
"Free reference" analyzer. (623)



Aircraft-broadcast set. (624)



Above, modernized checker. (625)



Below, 5-tube all-wave set. (626)

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### HIGH-FIDELITY 15 W. AMPLIFIER (622)

(Marlo Products Co.)

A FREQUENCY range of 60 to 12,000 cycles, at high fidelity, is claimed for this 4-stage amplifier; the figures are given on the basis of a 2%+ power variation, at 5% maximum harmonic content. The tubes are arranged as follows: type 57 first voltage amplifier; 56, second voltage amplifier; 2A5, driver; two 2A3s, class A prime power output. Chassis incorporates tone and volume controls.

### "FREE REFERENCE" ANALYZER (623)

(Radio City Products Co.)

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### MODERNIZING SERVICE INSTRUMENTS (625)

(Precision Apparatus Corp.)

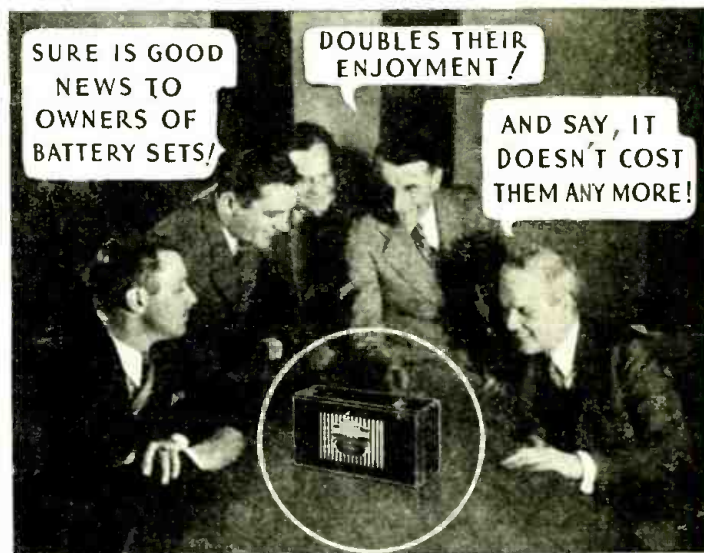
SERVICE Men will be pleasantly surprised to learn that their old test apparatus, now beginning to exhibit increasing inadequacy, may be modernized. A Jewell type 538 tube checker, modernized by a company that specializes in doing this sort of work, is illustrated. Job includes complete new wiring, and provision for double test on all dual-purpose tubes and full-wave rectifiers. New molded sockets, a new filament transformer, and new engraved metal panel were installed. Other makes and models are similarly improved.

### 5-TUBE ALL-WAVE SUPERHET. (625)

(Pilot Radio Corp.)

ALL-WAVE reception over the range of 16 to 550 meters is not the only feature of the newest in 5-tube, 110 V. (also, 125 to 240 V.) 60 cycle supers. (Export model: 16-55, 168-550, and 835-2,000 meters.) The cabinet, for instance, is acoustically designed; vernier-dial action permits either 10-to-1 or 80-to-1 tuning ratio. A phono. pickup is provided; also, A.V.C., and a tone control. Tubes (one each): types 6A7, 6D6, 75, 80, and 42.

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## STROMBERG-CARLSON NO. 69 4-TUBE ALL-WAVE SUPERHET. SELECTOR (CONVERTER)

[Frequency range: 1,500 kc. to 25 megacycles; makes any broadcast set an "all-wave" receiver; power consumption, 28 W.]

Voltage readings are obtained by measuring between the various tube socket contacts and the bases with the tubes in place. Figures are given for a line voltage of 120 V., using a high-resistance meter. Measure on Range B, at 2,400 kc.

Tube Type	C.-G. Volts	S.-G. Volts	Sup.-G. Volts	Cath. Volts	Plate Volts
V1	0	103	2.9	2.9	191
V2	0*	103	103**	3.1	191
V3	14	—	—	0	160
V4	—	—	—	207	173

(\*) Modulator grid; (\*\*) G2 (G1, -1 V., approx.); (\*) modulator plate; (") A.C., per plate.

A bank of individual coils is used to obtain complete coverage at maximum efficiency, over the wavelength range of 12 to 200 meters.

The manner of connecting the combination inverted-L and doublet antenna system recommended for use with this type of short-wave converter is described in Part II of the article, "Important Facts About the New All-Wave Antenna Systems," (Radio-Craft, August 1934, p. 84); note Fig. 7 in the article.

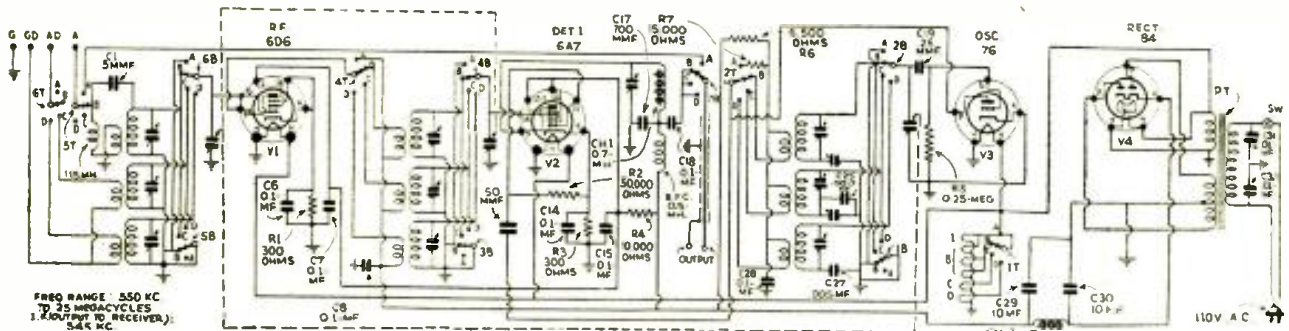
Position A of the range switch establishes a straight-through connection from the antenna to the standard broadcast, 200 to 550 meter receiver with which the selector or converter is being operated. The output of the selector, at 545 kc., is fed through a grounded shield; one output lead connects to the antenna post of the set, and the other connects to the ground post.

Condensers C31 and C32 bypass line interference due to refrigerators, lights, etc.

Sections T of the 7-section range switch connect to the primary windings of the R.F. inductances in the converter. Sections B connect to the secondaries of these coils. In the operating position for a given range, the range switch shorts and grounds the adjacent unused grid inductances. This prevents "dead spots" and erratic operation.

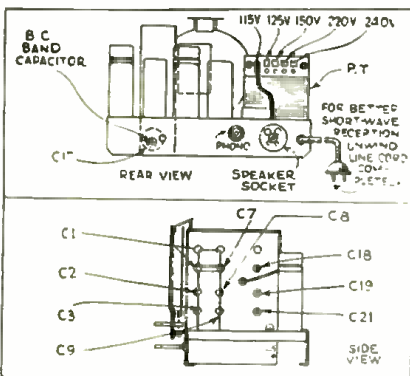
The use of the stage of tuned radio frequency amplification ahead of the first-detector or modulator tube is an extremely important factor in preventing cross-talk and image-frequency reception.

A double superheterodyne receiver results when this selector is connected to a superhet. receiver. The first superhet. action is in the selector, and the second in the receiver. Consequently, both units must be tuned exactly to resonance to prevent cutting sidebands.



## PILOT MODEL 63 ALL-WAVE 6-TUBE SUPERHETERODYNE

[A.V.C.; tone control; phono. pick-up jacks; frequency range, 16 to 550 meters; A.F. output, 3 W.]



Operating voltages for this receiver are given below. Use a high-resistance meter.

Tube Type	S.-G. Volts	Cath. Volts	Plate Volts
V1	90	4.0	235
V2	90	4.5	235
V3	90	4.0	235
V4	—	1.5	120*
V5	230	14.0	210

(\*) Voltage measured through a plate resistor of 0.25-meg. Speaker field, 110 V. All plate and screen-grid voltages are measured to cathode; cathode voltages are measured to the chassis.

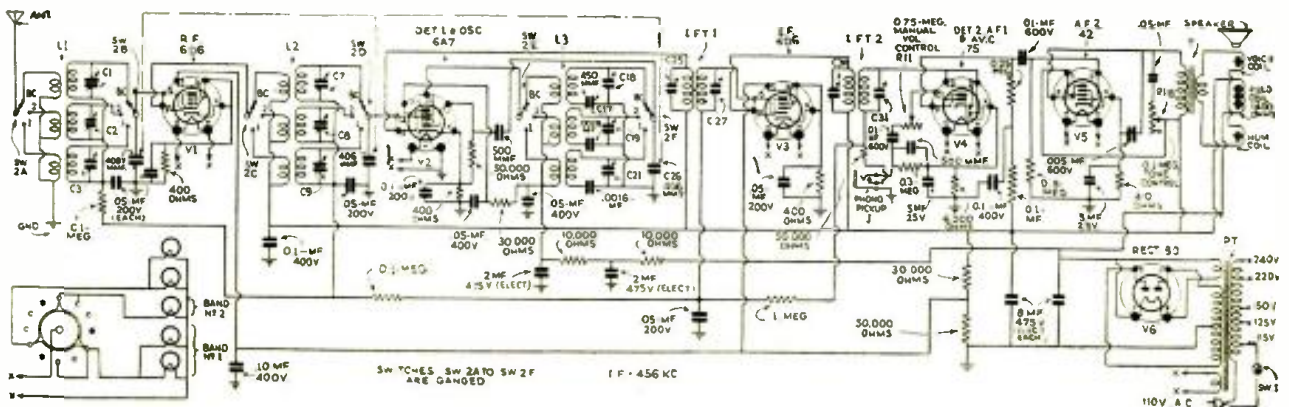
The power consumption of this set is 70 W.; the undistorted power output is 3 W. If it becomes necessary to realign the set, be sure to reconnect the speaker cable to the receiver after having removed the chassis from its cabinet, before connecting to power line.

To align the I.F. circuits turn the band-selector switch to "Broadcast," and connect the service oscillator to the control-grid of V3, through a fixed condenser of .002-mf. The return of the service oscillator connects to the receiver ground. After alignment of I.F.T.2 feed the oscillator output to the control-grid of V2, and align I.F.T.1 for maximum output. Repeat procedure.

To align broadcast band, connect service oscillator to antenna and ground posts, turn range switch to "Broadcast," and align oscillator, interstage and antenna trimmers at 1,400 kc.; and oscillator pad at 600 kc. Repeat procedure. Rock tuning control while aligning pad.

Align bands 1 and 2 at service oscillator frequencies of 17,800 kc. and 6,100 kc., respectively, setting the receiver dial at 16.8 and 49 meters, respectively.

There are no padding condenser adjustments on short-wave bands 1 and 2.



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crusing car and headquarters, just like ordinary telephone communication.

The transmitter used in the car has a power of 15 watts.

## G. F. McCLELLAND BROADCAST EXECUTIVE DEAD

Within the past month, one of the outstanding hopes for a third broadcast chain to rival the NBC and CBS faded, with the untimely death of George F. McClelland.

Mr. McClelland, formerly a vice president of the NBC and a pioneer in broadcasting had been working for almost a year on his new chain, which was expected by those in the "know" to be the most promising of the many attempts made to formulate a new national network.

As stated in our February 1934 issue, Mr. McClelland expected to tackle the problem from a logical and sound business standpoint—to avoid the pitfalls encountered by Ed Wynn and others who have tried to rival the "big two."

It is with regret that we print this notice of his death, by his own hand, when the future looked so bright for his "Broadcasting Stations Corporation."

## THE LATEST IN POLICE RADIO RECEIVERS

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front fender of the motorcycle.

The same model receiver is also supplied for use on automobiles, a special bracket permitting the clamping of the receiver onto the steering column post, making an exceedingly compact and unobtrusive installation.

Advantages claimed by the inventor include the fact that in the motorcycle model the receiver is worn on the body of the policeman, vibration being largely eliminated by the dampening effect of the body. Damage to tubes, condensers and coils often occurs in a few days on the average receiver mounted on motorcycles due to the excessive vibration. Attached to the belt with all heavy parts built onto the motorcycle, it is claimed this model eliminates most trouble of this character.

Because the receiver is self-contained and not permanently affixed to the vehicle, it is easily accessible for repairs. Naturally various receivers of the same model are interchangeable and can be used on different motorcycles at different times. This makes it possible for the motorcycle to be constantly ready for use, and avoids tying up a complete motorcycle while minor repairs are being made in a radio receiver.

The portable receiver for mounted police is similar to the other receiver model, except that it operates from a filament supply of 2 volts with a plate supply of 90 volts. The batteries for this receiver are enclosed in leather saddle bags, strapped to the saddle of the policeman.

A female plug in the front of the saddle horn permits instant connection of the receiver worn on the belt with the loudspeaker and the battery supply.

In this receiver the horse is used as antenna, a special connection to his bridle giving sure contact at all times.

The pedestrian police model uses the body of the patrolman as the aerial and requires no ground. The small loudspeaker is worn either under the lapel or under the coat of the policeman. The power supply consists of especially constructed small, light weight batteries, worn in a special belt.

The receiver weighs only 1 pound and like the other models is worn on the policeman's belt.

The five tube super-heterodyne receiver, batteries and loudspeaker together weigh less than the average police revolver worn by patrolmen, totaling an ounce or two under 3½ pounds. Only 67½ volts of plate battery are used on this model.

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## HOW TO BUILD THE "4-IN-2" SHORT-WAVE ELECTRIC SET

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of a tandem 140 mmf. condenser gang, one section of which is constantly in the tuning circuit—the other section inserted at will (in parallel, to increase the total effective tuning capacity) from the front panel by means of a toggle switch mounted as shown in Fig. A. Thus, not only does this feature facilitate a wider tuning frequency range, but should the constructor desire to use this set for regular broadcast reception (using a broadcast plug-in coil from which a few secondary turns are removed) he will find that the operation is much more highly efficient and satisfactory. This may be attributed, in engineering parlance, to an "improved" L/C ratio.

The unusual sensitivity and volume obtained from this set can be attributed to circuit design, and the successful manipulation of the regeneration control which will permit obtaining the maximum possible sensitivity.

### Circuit Design

Referring to Fig. 1 it will be noted that the two tubes employed are the new "multi-purpose" types 6F7 and 12A7. The 6F7 tube really comprises two tubes in one glass envelope, a pentode and a triode. In this receiver the pentode section is employed as the detector, with regeneration, and the triode section as the first audio stage. Thus, two-tube efficiency is obtained from this single tube. The 12A7 also comprises two tubes in one glass envelope, but the type of operation and arrangement of the elements within the tube are entirely different. Here we find a power pentode (whose characteristics are identical with the 38 power tube) and a half-wave rectifier all in one unit. By utilizing the power pentode section of this tube as the final power audio stage, and the half-wave rectifier for rectifying the alternating current, when it is operated from A.C. (on D.C. the direct current continuously passes through the tube) we obtain two-tube efficiency from this single tube. The net total, as a result of this arrangement, is a full four-tube efficiency from two tubes. No reflexing or other tricks, just a straightforward regenerative detector followed by two stages of resistance-coupled audio amplification, the final stage being a power audio, and a rectifier for "B" supply—all from two tubes.

The heaters of these two tubes are wired in series, thus requiring a filament voltage of 18 V. and a current of 0.6 of an ampere (or 600 ma.). This is obtained from the power line by means of a series resistor (325 ohms), or a power cord in which this value of resistance is included. No power transformer, or any other transformer whatsoever, is employed. The 110 V. supply—A.C. or D.C.—is fed directly to the half-wave rectifier section of the 12A7 tube. The efficiency of this rectifier is such that the voltage drop through it may be considered as being almost negligible. Since resistance coupling is used in the audio stages, no audio transformers are necessary.

Two low-resistance power chokes (only 100 ohms resistance, approx., each) are employed in the filter section. This design, coupled to the use of three electrolytic condensers, completes the filtering arrangement, as shown in Fig. 1, and has been found more than sufficient to remove any trace of ripple or hum.

Regeneration is obtained by inductive coupling of the "plate" winding to the secondary or "grid" winding. It is controlled, however, by a midget 140 mmf. variable condenser (mounted under the sub-base, as shown in Fig. C) which regulates the amount of R.F. energy existing in the plate circuit. Regeneration may also be controlled by the volume control, which is shunted across the plate coil and thus serves as a controlled short-circuiting device to regulate volume or regeneration. For broadcast reception this control will be found considerably more effective for regeneration regulation. It is recommended that the single variable condenser be used on short-waves for this purpose, and left at maximum capacity for the broadcast band in which case the volume control is used in its stead.

It is felt that it is more or less superfluous to give specific dimensions and layout drawings, since the impression left with the constructors

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is then that this phase of building a receiver is rather critical and therefore must be followed precisely. This idea, in this case, is farthest from the truth, inasmuch as only two tubes are employed in a space that is ample for constructors to arrange the necessary parts as they see fit. For convenience sake, those who desire to imitate the original as closely as possible may consult the photographs showing different views of the receiver in Fig. A, B and C. As mentioned previously, neither circuit nor layout is at all critical, and any moderate deviation is entirely permissible.

### List of Parts

Due to the simplicity and excellent choice of tubes in a carefully arranged circuit, the parts necessary are surprisingly few and low in cost. They are as follows:

- One Hammarlund tandem, dual-section, 140 mmf. (each) variable condenser gang;
- One complete set of plug-in coils (5. with broadcast coil, 4 only for complete short-wave coverage);
- One single Hammarlund midget variable condenser, 140 mmf.;
- Two General Transformer chokes, 30 hy., 100 ohms each;
- One Hammarlund R.F. choke, 85 mhy.;
- Two Cornell-Dubilier electrolytic condensers, 16 mf., 200 V.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier electrolytic condenser, 8 mf., 220 V.;
- Two 7 prong wafer sockets (small) for 12A7 and 6F7 tubes;
- One 4 prong wafer socket for plug-in coils;
- One I.R.C. resistor, 1,500 ohms, 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. resistor, .1-meg., 1 W.;
- Two I.R.C. resistors, .25-meg., 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. resistor, .5-meg., 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. resistor, 750 ohms, 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. resistor, 2 meg., 1 W.;
- One special (wire-wound) resistor, 325 ohms, 40 W. size, or power cord with equivalent;
- Two S.P.S.T. toggle switches;
- One Electrad volume control, 75,000 ohms;
- Two Cornell-Dubilier tubular condensers, .1-mf., 400 V.;
- Two Cornell-Dubilier tubular condensers, .006 mf., 400 V.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier mica condenser, .001-mf.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier electrolytic condenser, 10 mf., 25 V.;
- One Insuline antenna trimmer condenser;
- One drilled sub-base and panel unit (as shown in illustrations);
- One Sylvania type 12A7 tube;
- One Sylvania type 6F7 tube;
- Miscellaneous supplies, such as wire, hardware, vernier dial, etc.

### Conclusion

This receiver, if wired carefully and as per Fig. 1, should operate to the complete satisfaction of any constructor. The adjustment of the antenna trimmer condenser may be rather critical if an antenna system of relatively long dimensions is employed. For best results use a short overhead wire (about 35 ft.) placed as high as possible.

To those who encounter any difficulties in the construction of this set, or who find the results not up to par, or desire any further particulars relative to this set, the writer will be glad to give any desired information, and will welcome queries.

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by means of the double-pole double-throw switch shown, to measure voltage from an exterior source, or by throwing over the switch, secure power through the meter for testing condensers' continuity, etc. The same power unit furnishing voltage for this use supplies voltage for battery sets, and "pre-heater" voltage, sockets for which are also provided. Two oscillators are used with the work. Note also, a graduated resistor (lower right) for trial use where resistance is unknown.

J. B. MCGIRT.

This is a very interesting installation, Mr. McGirt, and we feel sure that some of the members will profit by your design.

## INFORMATION BUREAU

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principal question is whether their signals may be construed to be in interstate commerce, and if so they come under the Radio Act of 1927.

"The Radio Act itself does not include the reception of signals and, therefore, the commission has made no regulations with reference to receiving sets. It is understood that some states have passed laws pertaining to this matter but the Commission has no record of these."

The above clearly outlines the question of the legal status of wired radio operation, as first raised in a letter received from another department of the Federal Radio Commission—Division of Field Operations, Dallas, Texas—from which we quote, as follows:

"Your attention is called to the fact that the proposed apparatus" ("A Wired-Radio Public Address System," RADIO-CRAFT, November 1933, page 272) consists of a simple radio transmitter coupled to the unshielded general lighting system of the city, in which the shielded wires within the building act only as a transmission system to the open wire leading away, from which radiation will occur.

"Several of these 'wired wireless systems' have been constructed, and put into use in this district, and a number of people have gotten into trouble as a result of the inspiration furnished by this article in your magazine.

"It is suggested that you advise Mr. Freeling" (the author of the article) "to investigate the radiating ability of his system when connected to a house wiring system having unshielded wires leading away from it, and to warn your readers of the danger connected with the use of this system."

Unfortunately, it was not clearly brought out, in the article, that interference radiation is prevented by the correct use of R.F. chokes placed in the power line. If the building is entirely of metal construction, it ordinarily is sufficient to place these R.F. chokes at the main power switch, where the power lines enter the building. If the building is of frame construction, it may be necessary to place the chokes on the individual floor level on which the equipment is to be used, and to limit the radiation by controlling the amount of R.F. energy delivered by the transmitter.

The extreme importance that attaches to this procedure is evident by reference to the case of Norman Cohen of Bridgeport, Conn., who, in operating a "wired radio station," was convicted of operation of a broadcasting station without a license from the Federal Commission. Defendant Cohen claimed his broadcasts were carried only on the wires of a Bridgeport power company, but Government witnesses said they were able to hear his programs without any hook-up with the lighting company's lines.

Actually, the facts of the case were approximately as follows, according to the recollections of Assistant U.S. Attorney George H. Cohen:

"Cohen was charged in an indictment containing two counts, the first charging him with operating a radio station without obtaining a radio station license, and second—with operating a radio station without having a radio operator's license. He was found 'guilty' on both counts after a trial by Jury.

"The testimony showed that in spite of the fact that Cohen was attempting to send his programs through the wires of the United Illuminating Company, radio signals were picked up on radio receivers which were not connected with the electric wires, and furthermore such signals were picked up by similar sets in Long Island, across State lines.

"Cohen's experts attempted to prove that it is possible to send radio signals through wires and confine these signals to the wires, but this was disproved by Government experts, particularly when the signals are of the strength of a very large number of kilocycles" (apparently, the wording should have been, "when the signals are of the frequency of a very large number of kilocycles"). "In this case, as I recall it, the signals were in the 1,300 kc. band.

"The Jury, in other words, found that Cohen was in effect running a radio station as the radio waves were passing through the air outside the wires and were crossing State lines."

It is possible that the new Federal Communications Commission will be a little more lenient than the past Commission, in permitting experimental transmissions.

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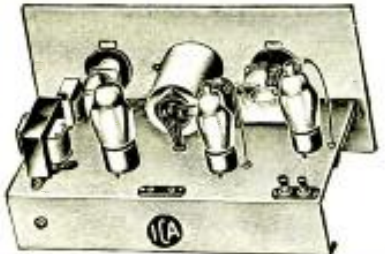
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## HI-FIDELITY ON SHORT WAVES

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ance-coupled amplifiers, etc., are all employed to attain the ultimate in high-fidelity.

As a means of assuring this high standard of transmission cathode ray tube monitoring is employed exclusively. Not only that but engineers are constantly on watch checking the quality of transmission by actual reception methods. In Fig. D we see this process actually being performed. The cathode-ray tubes can be plainly seen before Mr. Alfred A. Barber, sound engineer, who is on the alert for any visible indication of distortion, in addition to checking the audible quality with a special receiver amplifier.

A special monitor board, being operated by Edward Rhoad, staff engineer, is employed for holding the volume from the studio at a constant level.

Another control panel, in which the cathode-ray tube is mounted (projecting horizontally), is employed separately for phonograph rendition as shown in Fig. E. There are 4 phonograph turntables—2 on either side of the control panel. All employ crystal-type pickups only. It is from this point that the beautiful broadcasts heard daily originate. (Note also the crystal microphone over the panel.)

Phonograph records, it should be understood, suffer from various deficiencies, and to broadcast these record programs with high quality an instrument was devised as a means of overcoming their inherent defects. A sample of the visible indication of the quality of the voice amplifier voice impulses can be seen from the screen of the cathode ray tube mounted in this panel.

The unit which performs this is shown in a close-up view in Fig. F. This particular panel controls the recording, and is so designed that provision is made for compensating any deficiencies in phonograph records only.

However, it is interesting to note that original broadcasts from the studio require no loading or tone controls (frequency compensation) of any kind. The whole system, from microphones to antenna, is so well designed in the frequency range, so wide and flat, that no compensation is necessary. Thus the listener hears a true rendition of the original program.

As a matter of fact nothing was overlooked in the design of this station. Many of the testing devices are unique, such as the tuning fork mounted on a sound chamber shown in Fig. G. This particular tuning fork has a frequency period of 250 cycles, and when tapped with a hammer a pure tone is heard through one open end of the sound box. The crystal microphone on the left of this phonograph picks up this tone and passes it on to the various amplifiers, where it is conducted through one of the laboratories making some tests. This general procedure, over the entire audio spectrum, is performed daily; this "check-up" on the equipment is made so as to insure absolute maximum efficiency.

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further in the device shown at Fig. E, which is a complete tuner. This method of tuning eliminates the usual gang condenser as tuning is accomplished by moving the high permeability core with respect to the inductances, thus increasing or decreasing the effective inductance. It is claimed that this tuner has constant selectivity over the entire wave band covered. Different types are available for T.R.F. sets and superhets. In the latter type, a slightly differently shaped section of the gang control provides the necessary difference in oscillator tuning.

### A PIEZO-ELECTRIC MIKE

ROCHELLE salt crystals have found many applications in radio and associated fields. One of the numerous fields of applications, which promises to become quite fertile, is that of microphones.

Several types have been developed in recent months, but one of the most intriguing, in design, that we have ever seen was described in an English magazine—WIRELESS WORLD.

As shown in Fig. F, it consists of a large number of individual crystals of special design, which produces not only a large output but also prevents resonance effects over the audible spectrum. It is claimed that a variation of less than 1 db. is experienced between the lower limit of audibility and 10,000 cycles. The individual crystals are made in a unique manner as shown in the sketch Fig. F. A bakelite frame supports two very thinly cut crystals which are varnished in the usual manner to prevent absorption of water. The sound is impinged on the edge of the crystal units to reduce resonance effects to a minimum.

### A HIGH-FREQUENCY CUPROUS OXIDE RECTIFIER

A NEW cuprous oxide crystal which has a sufficiently low internal capacity to permit it to rectify efficiently on frequencies as high as 1500 kc. (or over the entire broadcast band) has just been introduced under the trade name of Sirutor. This new device was described in a late issue of RAFA, a German publication. The device is about 1½ ins. long by 5/16-in. in diameter and will carry a current of .25 ma. continuously, without any ill effects. These metal rectifiers are finding much favor in European sets, where they are used for replacing diode tubes. A.V.C. controls, and plate current economizers where the action is similar to class B amplification.

## NEW SHORT-WAVE LINK TO BYRD

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eral stages of vacuum tube amplification. Then they go over a telephone circuit approximately seventy miles long to New York. The voice currents are passed through the RCA control center at 24 Broad Street, New York, and then routed through the distribution switchboard to the CBS headquarters and network control switchboard at 485 Madison Avenue, New York City. Here the engineers re-route the voice from Little America over the telephone circuits reaching out like fingers across the country, as they carry the voice currents to the various broadcasting stations of the Columbia Network. One outgoing wire circuit from 485 Madison Avenue carries the Little America program twenty-five miles from New York to the powerful WABC transmitter located at Wayne, New Jersey. In the event that the programs are to be broadcast to foreign countries, via short waves, then the wire circuit to Wayne is also connected to the Columbia short-wave transmitter (located at Wayne also).

The second short-wave circuit is the direct one from Little America, and with good radio weather conditions the Riverhead station has picked up the Little America programs over 10,000 miles of space, a severe test for the

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1,000 watt phone-transmitter at Little America, the third short-wave "stand-by" link from Little America is that running northward to San Francisco, from which point the program can be transmitted to New York over a leased telephone wire circuit, or else by short waves. The fourth short-wave emergency circuit extends northward from Little America to Honolulu; the program when picked up at Honolulu is re-transmitted on short waves to San Francisco, whence the voice can travel by wire or short-wave circuit to New York.

One of the most interesting angles of the short-wave conversation carried on between Admiral Byrd and his mother a few weeks ago was the telephone circuit set-up arranged between Winchester, Virginia, and New York City, a distance of about 275 miles. Two leased telephone circuits were kept open for several weeks before conditions were considered suitable to permit this special program to be carried out, and a pretty penny it cost the sponsor for the leasing of these two complete telephone circuits to Winchester, which were kept open for test by the CBS engineers at all times.

Headphones were worn by Mrs. Byrd in her Winchester home and she had a special microphone of her own, while the second microphone served the purposes of the announcer. As the diagram shows, a local three-stage amplifier was located at Mrs. Byrd's home, and the out-going voices bound for Little America passed over one of the telephone circuits to New York. Amplifiers spaced at a distance of about every fifty miles helped to boost the voice currents as they sped on their way. The voice of Mrs. Byrd passed through the control switchboard at CBS headquarters at 485 Madison Avenue, thence down-town to the RCA control center at 21 Broad Street, out over a telephone wire circuit to the RCA 20-kilowatt short-wave transmitter located at Rocky Point. Thus, with the speed of over 186,000 miles per second, the voice of Mrs. Byrd was hurled from the little town of Winchester, Virginia, to her waiting son at Little America 10,000 miles away, thanks to the magic of short waves.

### The Return Circuit

The return short-wave circuit from Little America which carried the voice of Admiral Byrd as he answered his mother's questions, is also very interesting. When the 25 meter waves carried the Admiral's voice to Buenos Aires, they passed through the transmitter and were relayed northward to Riverhead. Here the voice passed over a telephone circuit to the RCA control center in down-town New York, to 485 Madison Avenue (CBS Control Center), thence out over one of the telephone circuits going southward to Winchester, Virginia.

Mrs. Byrd could have listened to her son's voice on a regular broadcast receiver and loud-speaker, picking the voice up on a broadcast wave from either the New York WABC station or from a Washington station; but the headphones and private receiving circuits from New York to Winchester were considered a more reliable and positive way of solving the problem. As with the transmitter telephone circuit, the receiving circuit also passed through the V. T. amplifiers in the exchanges at New York, located approximately fifty miles apart on the way from New York to Virginia, which served to boost the voice at regular intervals as it raced over the 275 mile circuit.

It is interesting to note that the facilities of the RCA receiving and transmitting stations at Riverhead and Rocky Point, Long Island, which distributed these programs through the RCA Control Center at Broad Street, comprise a service available to anyone who wishes to use it on a regular fee basis. Admiral Byrd at Little America has several code or C.W. transmitters at his command but the most powerful phone transmitter is a 1 kilowatt unit used for this and another weekly broadcast.

Radio code messages are exchanged daily between Little America and New York and other points, two-way code communications being carried on regularly and practically all the time. During the special Wednesday evening Little America broadcast programs conducted over the CBS network, the "cuing" circuit used by the engineers and announcers is that taking place via the RCA 20 kw. short-wave transmitter at Rocky Point, and this transmitting link with Little America has permitted some extremely interesting two-way "interviews" to be carried on during the program, much to the delight of the radio audience.

## AN IMPROVED 6-TUBE ALL-WAVE SET

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superior that no question as to the superiority of this set remained. The controlled regeneration action, which enables the listener to bring a receiver up to its maximum point of efficiency, was the attributable factor for such remarkable performance.

Let us examine the circuit. One 58 tube as regenerative T.R.F., one 58 tube as buffer, one 58 tube as regenerative detector, one 56 tube as first A.F., one 2A5 tube as output A.F., and one 80 tube as rectifier. Each tube performs a single purpose and therefore does it most efficiently.

### Mechanical Features

Aside from its improved circuit characteristics this receiver incorporates other notable features. Of primary importance is that of front panel plug-in coils. A glance at Figs. A and B will indicate the convenient method of changing the coils so that the wave-band desired may be covered. This type of construction not only features complete accessibility to the coils, but also keeps the coils effectively shielded, which adds considerably in obtaining stability and selectivity. The coils employed are of the 6-prong type and consist of 3 windings on each. These are mainly the primary (enameled winding), feed-back or tickler coil (enameled wound), and a silver plated, space-wound secondary winding. These coils contribute in no small way to the selectivity characteristic of the receiver; also to the sensitivity on short-waves because of extremely good high-frequency characteristics.

A special dual ratio (60-1 and 8-1) airplane dial permits careful tuning, which is extremely essential for good short-wave reception.

The power supply is so designed that practically zero hum level is encountered. A built-in tunable hum filter, see Fig. 1, is directly responsible for this.

### List of Parts

- One Alan set of 6-prong special front plug-in coils;
- Three H.F. chokes, grid-leak style;
- One audio impedance, 625 hy.;
- One Alan filter choke, 30 hy., 1,200 ohms, CH39;
- One power transformer, 2.5 V. 7 amp., 5 V. 2 amp., 700 V. center-tap;
- Two Electrad 50,000 ohm potentiometers (one with switch);
- Two I.R.C. carbon pigtail resistors, 425 ohms, 1 W.;
- Three I.R.C. carbon pigtail resistors, 120,000 ohms, 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. carbon pigtail resistor, 5 meg., 1 W.;
- Three I.R.C. carbon pigtail resistor, 0.2-meg., 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. carbon pigtail resistor, 2,500 ohms, 1 W.;
- One I.R.C. carbon pigtail resistor, 60,000 ohms, 1 W.;
- Eight Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox tubular condensers, .01-mf.;
- Two Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox mica pigtail condensers, 220 mmf.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox condenser, 350 mmf.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox condenser, 150 mmf.;
- One 2-rang variable condenser with planetary drive, 115 mmf. (each section);
- Two Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox electrolytic tubular condensers, 10 mf., 35 V.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox tubular condenser, .5-mf.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox electrolytic condenser, block, 8 mf., 12 mf., 500 V.;
- One antenna trimmer condenser, 45 mmf., maximum capacity;
- Three 58 wafer sockets;
- One 56 wafer socket;
- One 2A5 wafer socket;
- One 80 wafer socket;
- One dynamic speaker (2,500 ohm field);
- One "Ant." and "Grid" terminal strip;
- Three wiring terminal strips;
- One phone jack, double-circuit;
- One Alan drilled and formed chassis;
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## THE LISTENING POST FOR ALL-WAVE DX-ERS

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frequency changes are at work. The 49 meter band is now the most prominent, with excellent signals the rule. Little static remains to mar this band, and high program value may be enjoyed from the more powerful stations limited only by channel or station interference. The 31 meter band holds up good during the daytime but fades away rapidly in the evenings. The 25 meter band is perhaps the most erratic of all sometimes producing excellent signals in the morning hours, or mid-afternoon and at other times being practically dead. The 19 meter band is generally good in the early to late morning. The 16 meter band is little heard from at this time of the year. A few high-frequency commercial, or phone stations may be logged on the high frequencies. The 20 meter "ham" band is most active in the mid-afternoon, and South American "hams" can generally be heard best just before dusk.

### What the Dx'ers Say About It

—Broadcast Band—

Ralph W. Schofield, Missoula, Mont., says:  
"Radio is getting good. My morning's log from

2-4:30 a.m. M.S.T. included (China) XGOA (Manila) KZRM (Japan) JOAK-1, JOAK-2, JOBG, JOCK-1, JOFK, JOHK, JOIK, JODK-1, JODK-2, (N.Z.) 2YA, 3YA (Australia) 4QG, 4RK, 2C02BL. I also had ZL1BQ on the short waves."

John A. Shanks, Russellville, Tenn., reports that 'LS2 is coming through WOAI very well at times. I think I have enough for verification from last night's log between 6-7:30 P.M. C.S.T. You fellows that think you had LS4 (Buenos Aires) on 674 kc. were wrong, as I have identified this station as CMCQ (Havana, Cuba). LR3 (Buenos Aires) is sometimes heard through KMB. There are two stations interfering with WBZ. One is LR4 (Buenos Aires), and the other is a Mexican, or a Cuban. Two stations are near 910 kc. One is LR2 (Buenos Aires) and the one on 912 kc. is a Cuban. The programs from South America are generally a much different type of music than the Cuban, or Mexican. They use classic music, concert orchestras, and lyric tenors a great deal."

Evan B. Roberts, Danvers, Mass., is getting an early start on the European stations as he tells us that "the Europeans are really coming in. In addition to Rome on 713 kc., Milan on 814 kc., Turin on 1140 kc., and Radio Toulouse, France, on 913 kc., the following stations are being heard with good loudspeaker strength—Stuttgart, Germany, 574 kc.; EAJ1, Barcelona,

### Radio-Craft's Foreign DX Calendar For December-January

Eastern Standard Time						
Dec. 7	Fri.	1:30-3:00 a.m.	1190kc	40000w	Prieto, Buenos Aires, Argentine	LS2
Dec. 9	Sun.	2:00-3:00 a.m.	850kc	17000w	Strasbourg, France	
Dec. 9 or 10		2:00-3:00 a.m.	830kc	25000w	Excelsior, Buenos Aires, Arg.	LR5
Dec. 11	Tues.	3:00-4:00 a.m.	1040kc	10000w	Illimani, La Paz, Bolivia	CP4
Dec. 12	Wed.	2:30-3:30 a.m.	1230kc	5000w	Nacional, La Paz, Bolivia	CPX
Dec. 16	Sun.	5:00-6:00 p.m.	7080kc	38.47m	RADIO NATIONS, GENEVA, SWITZ.	HBP
Dec. 21	Fri.	1:00-3:00 a.m.	682kc	1500w	Bogota, Colombia	IJN
Dec. 21	Fri.	1:00-3:00 a.m.	6079kc	49.35m	Bogota, Colombia (Short Wave)	
Dec. 30	Sun.	9:00-10:00 a.m.	12000kc	25.00m	Moscow, U.R.R.S. (Short Wave)	RNE
Dec. 30	Sun.	9:00-10:00 a.m.	7520kc	39.87m	Moscow, U.R.R.S. (Short Wave)	RK1
Jan. 10	Thurs.	1:00-2:30 a.m.	795kc	10000w	Madrid, Spain	EJ17
Jan. 16	Wed.	12:01-2:00 a.m.	1030kc	5000w	Paredes, Portugal	CT1G1
Jan. 20	Sun.	1:00-2:00 a.m.	950kc	10000w	Poste Parisien, Paris, France	P.P.
Jan. 22	Tues.	2:00-3:00 a.m.	1190kc	40000w	Prieto, Buenos Aires, Argentine	LS2
WEEKLY	Sat.	12:30-1:00 a.m.	980kc	50000w	Pitts., Pa. KDKA DX CLUB, Also on WSNK.	

### Rest Foreign Broadcast Stations December-January

F. S. T.	China-Japan	Australia-NZ	S.A., C.A., P.R.	Europe
BEST HEARD AT	Manila	Hawaii		
Dark-5:30 p.m.				ROME, Italy 713kc, 50kw
Dark-5:30 p.m.				MILAN, Italy 814kc, 50kw
Dark-6:00 p.m.				TURIN, Italy 1140kc, 7kw
Dark-6:30 p.m.				LONDON REG. 877kc, 50kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				TOULOUSE, France 913kc, 60kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				STUTTGART, Ger. 574kc, 100kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				BUENOS AIRES LR2-910kc, 8kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				BUENOS AIRES LR3-950kc, 1kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				BUENOS AIRES LR8-1150kc, 20kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				BUENOS AIRES LS2-1100kc, 40kw
Dark-8:00 p.m.				CARACAS, Venez. FTTB, 960kc, 5kw
12:01-1:35 a.m.				FRANKFURT, Ger. 1195kc, 17kw
12:01-2:50 a.m.				KONIGSBERG, Ger. 1030kc, 60kw
12:01-4:00 a.m.				
1:00-3:30 a.m.				HONOLULU, T. H. KGU, 750kc, 21kw
1:45-2:00 a.m.				HONOLULU, T. H. KGM, 1320kc, 1kw
Saturdays 2:00-3:00 a.m.				
2:10-3:00 a.m.				
3:00-5:00 a.m.				
Sun-Irregular 3:10-3:30 a.m.				
Frequency Chk				
4:30-Dawn	SENDAI, Japan JOHK, 770kc, 10kw	COROWA, N. S. W. 210, 560kc, 71kw		
4:30-Dawn	NAGOYA, Japan JOCK-2, 810kc, 10kw	WELLINGTON, N. Z. 2YA, 570kc, 5kw		
4:30-Dawn	SAPPORO, Japan JOIK, 830kc, 10kw	CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z. 3YA, 720kc, 21kw		
4:30-Dawn	TOKYO, Japan JOAK-1, 870kc, 10kw	MELBOURNE, Aust. 3LO, 800kc, 31kw		
4:30-Dawn	MANILA, P. I. KZRM, 610kc, 50kw	BRISBANE, Aust. 40G, 760kc, 21kw		
4:30-Dawn		SYDNEY, Aust. 2BL, 855kc, 3kw		
4:30-Dawn		BRISBANE, Aust. 4BC, 1145kc, 750kw		
6:00-Daylight	NANKING, China XGOA, 690kc, 75kw			

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### —Short Waves—

Don H. Townsend, Fallon, Nev., sends us the following valuable data on the Japanese short-wave transmitters. "The S.W. stations of Japan who are relaying the Japanese Broadcasting System's programs are JVM, Nagasaki, 10740 kc.; JVR Nagasaki, 7390 kc.; JVT 6750 kc.; and JYT 15760 kc. in Kemikawa. The schedule observed in E.S.T. is—4:00 A.M. Children's Hour, 4:25 A.M. talks in Japanese, 4:55 A.M. news in English, 5:00 A.M. news in Japanese, 5:30 A.M. variety program (talks and music), 7:30 A.M. time signals and news, 7:45 A.M. sign off." (At the time of compiling this article JVT could be heard each morning with good signal strength—Ed.) "TIEP, La Voz del Tropico, San Jose, Costa Rica operates on 6710 kc., and 850 kc. The owner Eduardo Pinto Hernandez also operates amateur station T12EP on 7238 kc. These stations are both members of the newly-formed "Latin American Chain of Radiobroadcasting Stations."

### The Gist of the News Broadcast Band

The following Japanese broadcast stations will increase power during 1935-1936. JOAK-1, Tokyo, 870 kc., from 10 to 150 kw. JOGK, Kumamoto, Japan, 790 kc., from 10 kw. to 100 kw. JOBK-1, of Osaka, Japan, on 750 kc. will increase from 10 to 100 kw. JOSK, Kokura, Japan, on 835 kc., from 1 to 10 kw. These fine super-power transmitters will definitely place Japan in the vanguard of the international race for super power. Beromunster, Switzerland, on 556 kc., has increased power from 60 to 100 kw. East coast DX'ers should be able to get this station nicely. New Newfoundland frequencies are as follows: VOWR at St. Johns, 681 kc., 500w. VOGY, at St. Johns, 845 kc., 400w. VOAS, St. Johns, 945 kc., 100w. VONF, St. Johns, 960 kc., with 5000 watts.

### Short Waves

That popular radio station PHI, at Huizen, Holland, is now back on their winter wavelength of 25.57m.-11730 kc. Radio ROMA 12RO on 25.40m.-11810 kc., which has been making extensive repairs and improvements in their transmitter will be back on the air with greatly increased power and a full Empire service using directional antenna array about the first of the new year. They will transmit different programs daily to the various continents. RNE, Moscow, U.S.S.R., on 25m.-12000 kc., and RKI on 39.87m.-7520 kc., are being well heard again with their transmissions for NBC rebroadcast in this country. At the present writing the NBC rebroadcasts RNE-RKI on Saturdays at 11:30 to 12 noon E.S.T. and Sundays from 9:30-10 A.M. E.S.T. PRADO of Rio Bamba, Ecuador, have abandoned their popular Sunday afternoon concerts on 19 meters until next spring when the band begins to show a little life again at this time of day. XEBT, Mexico City, have a habit of camping almost right on top of DJC, Zeesen, Germany, on 49.80 meters, although XEBT is supposed to be on 49.92 meters. A new station being heard early each morning on about 6100 kc., with only Dutch being spoken and typical Asiatic music, is believed to be the new short-wave station YDA, at Bandoeng, Java. They seem to sign off at about 8 A.M. E.S.T. Senor Pompilio Sanchez states that the schedule of HJ2ABA at Tunja, Colombia, on 6150 kc.-48.78 meters, is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 6 to 9 P.M. E.S.T.

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## ELEMENTS OF 4TH DIMENSION SOUND SYSTEMS

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ears. The amplifiers will of course, be of the high-fidelity type while the speakers will operate with performance characteristics identical to those of the original sound producing devices.

Second, we have "spatial relationship"—which appears to be the stumbling block for perfect artificial sound. Although Dr. Harvey Fletcher (of the Bell Telephone Laboratories) succeeded in closely approaching exact spatial relationships of the original and reproduced sounds with a tri-dimensional system, the "last word" will not have occurred in the recreation of sound, which completely fulfills the requirements for perfect illusion, until a fourth dimension is taken into consideration.

Before we delve into the elements of artificially recreated fourth dimensional sounds, let us briefly analyze our own hearing sense so that we can use it as a standard of comparison. For, without such a "yardstick" it would be difficult for us to realize how far we actually are from the goal of perfection. Then again, if we understand how people normally react to natural sounds, (which, strange as it may seem, continuously occur in a fourth dimensional world) we can easily grasp the elementary spatial principles and conditions involved in our everyday hearing, and possibly find it a relatively simple matter to duplicate in an artificial system.

### Our Directional Hearing Sense

Our first bit of investigation, therefore, involves itself with the mechanism of hearing—particularly the spatial localization of stationary and moving sound sources.

When we normally localize a natural source of sound in space we subconsciously make three measurements; first, we estimate its horizontal angular displacement (Fig. 1A) which indicates how much to one side the sound is coming from; then we estimate its vertical angular displacement (Fig. 1B) which tells us whether the sound is coming from above or below; and finally we judge its distance (Fig. 1C). When the sound source is moving, we make an additional fourth measurement in order to approximate its direction and speed of motion. The accuracy with which we localize a sound depends upon a number of factors, among which are; familiarity with the sound, tilt of the head, and ability to see the source of sound. The important part played by these secondary hearing-aids account in a large measure for the manner in which the brain deceives the interpretive hearing centers by supplying the missing directive properties of sound. Because we become accustomed to this deception, we frequently remain unaware of the handicaps characteristic of single dimensional sound reproducing systems. The directive "hearing" aid offered by the eyes can easily be checked the next time you view a "talkie." Note how easily you recognize unusual sounds—and locate them, because you see the apparent source of sound. Now close your eyes and you will be surprised to find how difficult it becomes to localize the shot of pistol, the clicking of a typewriter, the approach of an automobile or the movement of an actor from one side of the screen to the other. In fact, unless the theatre is equipped with a fourth dimensional sound system, it will be impossible to localize any sound whatsoever that would correspond to natural localization as would occur if you were at the actual scene while the picture was taken.

### How We Judge Direction

A casual study of Fig. 2 shows the elements involved in normal binaural hearing of a single stationary sound source in free space. (For simplicity sake, we will limit our discussion to direct sound waves and not the reflected or reverberant waves because the former are far more important in the localization of sound sources than the latter. Any system which can recreate direct sound waves in their natural spatial relations will automatically reproduce reflected and reverberant sound waves identical with those of the original rendition if the acoustics of both the localities involved are identical.)

If the source of sound is directly in front of the listener, the axis of the sound waves (RX and LX Fig. 2) are of equal length. Sound will therefore reach both ears at the same time

(in phase) and with equal intensity. These waves are converted into nerve impulses, by the inner ear, and sent along their respective nerve fibers to their individual centers of hearing located within the brain. The interpretive center then compares the pattern in each hearing center (with respect to phase and intensity) and gauges the direction and distance of the sound, basing its judgment solely upon previous hearing experiences with that sound. In this particular instance, as there is no difference in phase or intensity, the source of sound is localized in the median plane that is directly in front or behind the listener (Fig. 1A). It should be borne in mind from the foregoing illustration, that in order to naturally localize a sound, a complete circuit (acousto-physiological) must be completed between the source of sound and the interpretive center through both ears and their respective hearing centers (Fig. 2A).

### The First Dimension: Distance

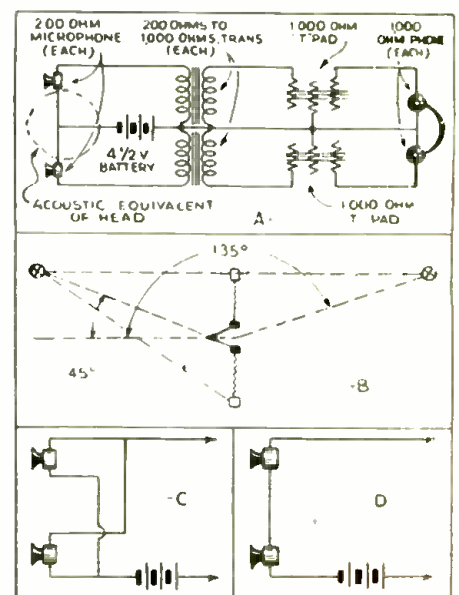
If a source of sound (Fig. 3A) is kept in a horizontal plane level with the ears, but moved in the median plane to and from the listener, a sensation of distance will be noted as only the intensity of the sound wave, but not the phase changes. As the intensity is decreased the source of sound is localized at a greater distance, while with a gradual increase of intensity the source of sound appears to be coming closer to the listener. This same effect can be created artificially with the use of a simple electrical circuit (Fig. 3B) which is analogous to present sound systems. By keeping the sound source at a fixed distance from the microphone, and regulating the attenuator, a listener located in another room will be unable to tell whether the source of sound is moved or the attenuator setting changed.

With this arrangement it will be noted that if the sound source is moved in any direction, up or down, from side to side, or to and from the microphone, the listener in another room will interpret all directional movements as either directly approaching or receding from him. No sensation of horizontal angular displacement or vertical angular displacement of the sound source will be experienced. This single dimension illusion is representative of the working limitations of our present radio broadcasting, sound picture, telephone and public address systems.

### The Second Dimension: Angular Displacement in Horizontal Plane

If the sound source used in Fig. 2 is displaced 30 degrees to the right (Fig. 2B), but kept in a horizontal plane level with both ears, two different acousto-physiological circuits are set up from the sound source to the interpretive hearing center. In this instance, the axis (RX) of the sound wave reaching the right ear is much shorter than (LX) the axis of sound reaching the left ear. The result is that the

Fig. 4  
Detail illustrations of 4th dimension sound.





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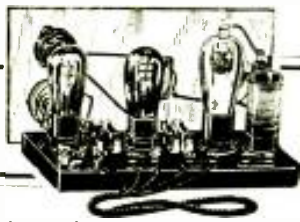
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right and left center of hearing present entirely different patterns to the interpretive center, which therefrom approximates the horizontal angular displacement. The listener usually turns his head in the estimated direction until the differences of phase and intensity are equalized in both ears and thereby assumes that the sound source is directly in line with his nose. If the source of sound is sighted, definite localization takes place, if not seen the direction of the sound source is imagined.

As two separate patterns must be formed by both hearing centers, it becomes evident that a special pickup and reproducing system must be employed (Fig. 4A) so that the phase and intensity differences, as would normally be picked up by both ears, be preserved. The best procedure is to separate both microphones with some object acoustically equivalent to the head. By adjusting both attenuators to match the sensitivity of the ears true stereophonic reproduction will result. A listener sitting in another room will be able to follow a sound source moved from side to side. Some ambiguity will result because of the listener's inability to move his head towards the sound image for purposes of confirmation. Thus, when the sound source is at a 45° angle to the right it might appear to be at a 135° angle. (Fig. 4B). By moving either attenuator and keeping the sound source stationary, the apparent location of the sound image can be changed. A perfect illusion, however, will not be created unless an appropriate phase lag is introduced into the circuit having the greatest attenuation. Experiments conducted have shown that considerable deviation may be made from ideal phase and intensity patterns, without seriously affecting the accuracy of the sound image localization.

When two different sound sources are used (bell and telephone receiver), the listener will be amazed at the ease with which he can follow both sources even though they be moved from side to side or to and from the microphones. Not until one experiences stereophonic reproduction can he begin to realize how limited and unnatural are our ordinary systems of artificial sound reproduction.

If the microphones are connected either in series or parallel (Figs. 4C and 4D) the stereophonic properties of the circuit will be lost as both ears receive identical sound patterns, and thereby shunt the interpretive center out of the acousto-physiologic circuit.

## The Third Dimension: Angular Displacement in a Vertical Plane

Strange as it may seem, a listener with his eyes closed, and without tilting his head will be unable to localize a source of sound coming from above or below the level of his ears. This physiologic handicap plays an important part in the design of a fourth dimensional sound system, and is caused by the location of both our ears in a horizontal plane. If we had two additional ears in a vertical plane, we could accurately gauge the vertical angular displacement of a sound image by using the same process as used in judging horizontal angular displacements.

We can however localize a sound coming from above or below us by simply tilting our head until the sound attains maximum intensity. Here again localization is hastened by sighting the source of sound. Inasmuch as the eyes play a secondary part in sound localization, it would appear that sightless people, as well as the audience of our fourth dimensional sound system, would be seriously handicapped. Such is not the case however, for our inner ear contains an organ of balance (semi-circular canals) which play no direct part in hearing, but afford an accurate measurement of the tilt of the head. It therefore becomes evident, that in order to achieve perfect illusion in a fourth dimensional sound system we must project sound from above and below the level of our ears by using a set of overhead and sub-level speakers.

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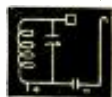
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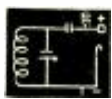
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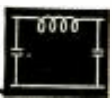
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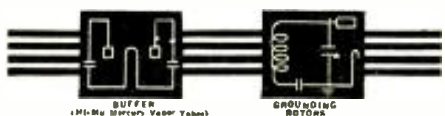
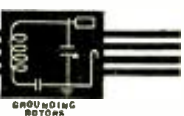
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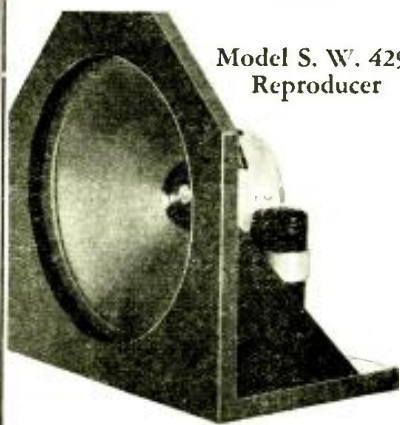
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## The Fourth Dimension: Time and Its Measurement of the Rate of Change of a Moving Sound Source

The factors which determine the localization of a moving sound source involve all of the perceptive and interpretive facilities used for the location of sound in any one of the three planes of space; as well as the coordination of the rate of change with which the various patterns of the right and left hearing centers are presented to the interpretive center.

It thus becomes evident, that in order for us to recreate the illusion of fourth dimensional sound we must use a system which will present to both ears a series of changing patterns identical in every respect to the sound patterns we would hear if we were listening to the moving sound source directly. In other words, the system should be capable of picking up amplifying and projecting all sources of moving sound in exact accordance with their original speed, motion and direction.

Past experiences have shown that the complete recreation of moving and multi-sound sources, in their exact spatial relationship and aesthetic aspects, is possible only by employing a special sound system and using a new technique in its installation and operation. Such a system will be presented in next month's issue of RADIO-CRAFT together with detailed information for the construction, installation and operation of this system.

In the meantime, the authors will be pleased to receive comments and answer questions relative to the fundamentals of fourth dimensional sound.

## IMPROVED 2-TUBE S.-W. BOOSTER

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Receiver selectivity is obviously of paramount importance in successful short-wave reception. R.F. boosters not only provide for attainment of an ultimate degree of selectivity but also furnish a successful method for signal and noise rejection. Both of these functions are essential for dependable transoceanic reception and both of these conditions are best accomplished by increasing the selectivity of your present receiver, for the reasons outlined below:

1. Increased Selectivity Minimizes Static.
2. Increased Selectivity Avoids Interference.

With the constantly increasing number of foreign short-wave stations, owners of both elaborate and simple receivers are becoming aware of the inferior selectivity of their sets. The active 19, 25, 30, and 49 meter bands are particularly notorious for their interference. The only effective remedy for this form of interference is increased selectivity and is best accomplished by adding at least one (or more) tuned R.F. stages to your present receiver.

The duplex drawer coil unit employed in the booster, diagram of which is shown in Fig. 1, is essentially composed of two precision space-wound coils fully shielded from each other, but contained within one catacomb drawer and so arranged that the entire unit slides into its receptacle through the front panel, in a manner similar to changing drawers of a miniature desk.

The cadmium-plated steel receptacle, into which the drawer coil slides, is equipped with three specially designed double-spring, butt-wiping and self-cleaning contacts which are in no small measure responsible for the unusual performance and permanent operation of this band-changing system. Each contact is composed of two springs; one made of phosphor bronze, for connection and the other made of tempered high carbon steel (similar to clock springs), for tension. The tension spring absorbs all bending stress.

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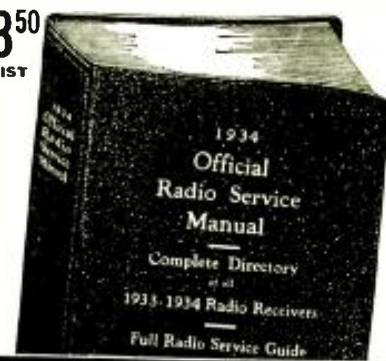
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## BUILD THIS NOVEL I-TUBE ALL-WAVE SET

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B are the filament terminals, G is the cathode of the detector portion. This has a suppressor-grid connected to it within the tube. C is the plate of the detector, while D is the screen-grid of the detector. E is the cathode of the rectifier portion and F is the plate of the rectifier. The cap of the tube (H) is connected to the control-grid of the detector. It is suggested that the grid circuits be wired in first, then plates, cathodes, bypass condensers, and filter condensers, and finally the filament circuit. A flexible wire is soldered to the antenna trimmer for the aerial connection. This set does not require a ground connection and in fact, none should be used. If A.C. hum is noticeable, use an additional dual 8 electrolytic condenser, connecting both sections in parallel so as to obtain 16 more microfarads at point (10).

### List of Parts

One Hammarlund variable condenser, .00014 mf., type MC-110-M, (3);  
One Hammarlund antenna trimmer condenser, 3 to 35 mmf., (1);  
One Aerovox mica condenser, .0001 mf., type 1460, (5);  
One Aerovox mica condenser, .0005 mf., type 1460, (7);  
One Aerovox cartridge condenser, .01 mf., type 484-N, (14);  
One Aerovox double section cardboard container electrolytic condenser, 8 mf. per section, type PB-2, (12, 13);  
One Electrad potentiometer, 75,000 ohms, type RI-202-P, (6) with Sw., (16);  
One power line cord, 350 ohms, (15);  
One set of five 4-prong plug-in coils, covering 10 to 550 meters, (2);  
One I.R.C. metallized resistor, 1 meg.,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -W., (4);  
One I.R.C. metallized resistor, 10,000 ohms, 1 W., (11);  
One twin jack, (9, 10);  
One seven-prong (large) wafer-type socket (8);  
One Hammarlund Isolantite socket, 4 prongs, (2);  
One 12A7 tube, (8);  
One roll of Corvico braidite solid core hook-up wire;  
One metal box,  $11\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$  ins. high;  
One screen-grid clip; three knobs;  
One headphone.  
Note: Numbers in parentheses refer to corresponding numbers indicated on the diagram and layout view (Figs. 1 and 2).

## A SHORT-WAVE 2-TUBE PORTABLE

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a comfortable carrying handle. Its feature is the use of special band-spread coils, which make station finding a comparatively simple matter, and also permit the use of the receiver as a complete amateur station monitor.

Exactly half of the space inside the cabinet is occupied by the receiver components proper and the other half by the batteries.

The main tuning condenser C1, of 140 mmf. capacity, is controlled by a small vernier dial. In the lower left-hand corner of the end of the cabinet is the antenna trimmer condenser, C6; in the lower right-hand corner the combined regeneration control and filament switch, R1-SW. Between the two lower knobs is a short single-circuit earphone jack, J. This is carefully insulated from the cabinet, as the latter forms the grounded "A+" side of the circuit.

The band-spread coils, which are described in an accompanying illustration, are of the double winding type. The small winding at the bottom of the form serves as the tickler, and is connected in series with the plate circuit of the detector tube, V1. The R.F. choke coil, L2, of 2.2 mh. inductance, keeps the R.F. energy out of the primary of the audio transformer.

It will be observed that the main tuning condenser C1 is connected across only a portion of the entire grid or secondary winding. The tap is about a quarter of the way up from the grounded end. The variable condenser represent-

ed in the diagram as C5 is a tiny trimmer type condenser mounted directly in the end of the coil form and connected across the entire grid winding. This condenser is adjusted by means of a screw sticking out of the end of the coil. It acts as a fixed loading condenser, while condenser C1, which is connected across only a portion of the entire secondary inductance, has a relatively slight tuning effect, and therefore the entire dial movement represents only a limited frequency range; hence the "band-spread" action. Of course, the particular section of any band to be covered depends on the coil used and the settings of the individual C5 condensers.

### Regeneration Control

Regeneration is controlled by the 1 megohm variable resistor, R1, which is connected directly in series with the "B+"  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volt lead to the audio transformer primary. This is bypassed by a .5-mf. condenser which effectively eliminates any tendency of the control to be noisy. The regenerative action is smooth and quiet, and phone stations can be brought in just at the critical point of oscillation.

The secondary of the transformer is shunted by a 1 megohm resistor, R4, merely for the purpose of eliminating fringe howl.

On the left side of the cabinet is a double binding-post strip for aerial and ground connections. It has been found in actual practice that most any sort of an antenna will bring in signals. Fifteen feet of insulated flexible wire draped over the roof of a car worked very well in some road tests and brought in programs from numerous foreign short-wave stations. A fire hydrant and an iron railing have all been used successfully as "ground" connections.

### List of Parts

One Two-winding 5-prong band-spread coils as described below, L1;  
One 2.2 mh. R.F. choke coil, L2;  
One 140 mmf. midget variable, C1;  
One .00025 mf. mica grid condenser, C2;  
One .0005 mf. mica bypass condenser, C3;  
One .5-mf. paper bypass condenser, C4;  
One trimmer condenser built into coils, C5;  
One Two-plate 5 mmf. antenna trimmer, C6;  
One 1,000,000 ohm potentiometer, R1;  
One 8 ohm wire-wound resistor, R2;  
One 10 megohm grid leak, R3;  
One 1 megohm grid leak, R4;  
One single open circuit phone jack with insulating washers, J;  
Two Type 30 tubes, V1, V2;  
One  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -to-1 ratio uncased audio transformer, T;  
One Steel cabinet as specified;  
One  $4\frac{1}{2}$  volt "C" battery, Burgess No. 2370;  
One 45 volt "B" battery, Burgess No. 5308;  
Three-inch vernier dial for condensers C1, knobs for R1 and C6, double binding-post strip, 5-prong socket for plug-in coil L1, and incidental hardware and mounting screws.

### Coil Data Table

Wave Band (meters)	Secondary No. of turns	Primary bottom turns	Trimmer No. of Turns	Capacity* (mmf.)
19	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	80
25	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	180
31	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	6	180
49	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	6	180

\*Fixed variable condenser. Values shown are maximum. All secondary coils are wound with No. 24 bare wire spaced to a winding length of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ins. Ticklers are close wound with No. 28 or 30 S.C.C. wire.

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27	.32	57	.50	2A6	.50
30	.36	58	.50	2A7	.60
31	.36	11A	.32	2B7	.60
32	.63	77	.50	6A7	.60
33	.63	77	.54	6B7	.63
34	.68	78	.54	6C6	.50
35	.50	80	.32	6D6	.50
36	.50	281	1.13	6E7	.72
37	.39	82	.41	6Z6	.34
38	.50	83	.50	12Z6	.50
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grid and, as far as R.F. is concerned, these elements are at ground potential. This shields the plate from the frequency-controlling elements of the tube and effectively isolates the output. Therefore, a variation of output load has very little effect on the oscillator.

The tuning condenser used has a capacity of 365 mmf. Any condenser such as is used in the average receiver can be used. This condenser must be insulated from the chassis, as is shown in the print. Nothing is returned to the chassis except bypass condensers. This has been done to prevent short-circuits on the power line when an A.C.-D.C. receiver is being tested.

The switch used is a 3-pole, 5-position assembly. One pole is used as a shorting switch to short the preceding coils, that is, the lower-frequency coils. This is done to prevent the natural period resonances of the unused coils from falling in the other bands where they would affect the oscillator in use. The other two poles switch both the control-grid and cathode of the oscillator circuit.

The coils are the hardest thing to build and it is recommended that a set be purchased that corresponds with the calibration shown in Fig. 4. However, below is listed the data for winding the coils.

COIL No.	FREQ. RANGE	TYPE OF WINDING	SIZE WIRE
1—OSC.	26.7 mc.	Solenoid	26
2—OSC.	8.3-2.5mc.	Solenoid	26
3—OSC.	2700-600kc.	Solenoid	32
4—OSC.	900-300kc.	Universal	36S.S.E.
5—OSC.	360-110kc.	Universal	36S.S.E.
6—CHOKE		Universal	32D.S.
COIL No.	TURNS TO TAP	INS.	NO. OF TURNS
1	3 1/2	9 1/8	8 1/2
2	8	9 1/8	32
3	30	9 1/8	100
4	50	9 1/8	150
5	75	9 1/8	300
6		3 8	300

Coil No. 1 is space-wound. (This spacing is done by winding two wires at the same time, and when the one to be used is properly secured the remaining wire is removed, leaving an accurately-spaced coil.) The remaining coils are tight-wound.

The R.F. oscillator section of the type 77 tube is modulated at A.F. in a novel way—that is, via the screen-grid circuit, which is the anode of the oscillatory circuit. The audio frequency oscillator uses a type 76 tube and a push-pull audio transformer for the modulation transformer. Figure 3 shows the way the transformer is assembled before it is ready for use. All the "I" laminations are removed leaving only the "E's", and a block of wood is used to replace the "I" laminations that were removed so that the old mounting bracket can be used.

The untapped side of the transformer is the grid coil and one half of the tapped side is used in the plate circuit of the audio oscillator. The unused half is used as a pick-up coil to introduce the audio signal into the R.F. oscillator circuit. If when the generator is assembled the audio oscillator does not function, reverse the connections of the grid coil to make the phase relationship correct.

The attenuator consists of a 100-ohm potentiometer. This should preferably be tapered to 25 ohms at 50% of the rotation so that the scale will not be too crowded at the low-signal end, although a standard potentiometer may be used.

The chokes and condensers used in the line prevent R.F. from feeding back into the line and thus into the receiver on test. These are very essential and the success of the instrument depends on this filter system.

Figure 2 shows the chassis, shield, and the other metal parts that must be drilled, with dimensional data. These parts may be made of steel, aluminum, or any other available metal.

After the signal generator is completed and shields in place, reverse the grid coil of the modulation transformer, if necessary. If the signal generator works satisfactorily the problem of calibration is next. The simplest way, of course, is to calibrate with a calibrated all-wave receiver, but if higher accuracy is desired, the best way would be to compare directly with crystal-controlled stations whose frequencies are known.

As is shown in Fig. 4, ranges 3 and 4 cover the broadcast band. These bands can be calibrated by comparison with stations in these

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bands. The receiver that is used to calibrate the generator is set at some known frequency and the generator is tuned until a beat is found, this beat being carried to zero, and the point indicated on graph paper. If this procedure is followed at several points on the band, a curve can be drawn.

Range 5 may be calibrated by the harmonic method. For instance, the receiver used may be set at some known frequency, say 600 kc. When the generator dial is moved it will be noticed that beats will be heard. Analyzing these beats (being careful to avoid taking cognizance of beats resulting through reaction with the local oscillator in superheterodyne sets) it will be found that the following occur:

- 100 kc. its 6th Harmonic being 600 kc.
- 120 kc. its 5th Harmonic being 600 kc.
- 150 kc. its 4th Harmonic being 600 kc.
- 200 kc. its 3rd Harmonic being 600 kc.
- 300 kc. its 2nd Harmonic being 600 kc.

By repeating the above procedure and plotting these points, a curve may be drawn. If a superheterodyne receiver is used to calibrate the generator, care must be taken that the signals do not beat with the intermediate frequency. This will be easily determined by turning the dial of the receiver every time a beat is found. If the modulated signal still remains, although the beat vanishes, it will be known that the signal is at the frequency of the intermediate frequency of the receiver. Therefore, these points will not be used in the calibration.

Calibration of bands 1 and 2 will be rather hard unless both care and time are taken. There are numerous sources from which reliable signals can be heard. Station WWV at 5,000 kc. is the outstanding frequency standard for this country. The amateurs have several in their own bands. The various commercial short-wave services are largely crystal-controlled and sufficiently accurate for calibration. Even at the highest frequencies, fixed frequency band services are now in use, mostly on phone. Hence, with a reasonably good all-wave receiver, and care to have the right beat from the signal generator, it is fairly easy to provide a sufficient number of points in each band so that reasonably accurate curves can be drawn.

If the constructor of this signal generator follows the data given, especially that of the coils and the tuning condenser, it will be possible to match the calibration given in Fig. 4 as this calibration was made with parts of the same specifications.

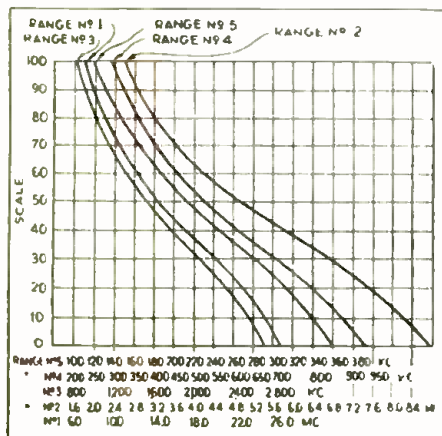


Fig. 4, above  
Representative output-frequency graph.

Fig. C, below  
Underside view of 3-tube oscillator.



## HOW TO BUILD A NEW 5-METER TRANSCEIVER

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to guide the assembly, but, in order to facilitate the work, it is best that the following supplementary explanations be observed.

The .006 mf. condenser is connected between the R.F. choke and the ground lug. The 250,000 and 10,000 ohm resistors connecting to the "Transmit-Receive" switch are supported away from the switch by their pig-tails and must not touch it. The other pig-tails are twisted together and soldered, forming a connection to which a wire is soldered. The .00015 mf. mica condenser is connected between the 2 inner lugs of the 5 meter coil. The remaining 250,000 ohm resistor is connected between the terminal strip and the 6 prong socket. It must be supported by its pig-tails so that it does not touch the 4 lead transformer over which it straddles.

The inner winding of the 5 meter coil, shown connected to the stand-off insulators, is not to be connected until after the transceiver has been tested.

### Testing

Place the 11 and 37 tubes in their proper sockets. Connect the positive post of the 6 V. storage battery to terminal 1 and the minus post to terminal 2 of the terminal strip. Snap on the "on-off" switch. The heaters of the tubes should glow. Connect two 7½ V. "C" batteries in series. Connect the plus post of one to terminal 3, and the -3 V. post of the other (giving -10½ V.) to terminal 6 of the terminal strip. Connect three 45 V. "B" batteries in series.

Connect the minus clip to terminal 4 and the plus 135 V. clip to terminal 5 of the terminal strip. The battery wires may be of any convenient length or a battery cable may be used. If greater power is desired, use four 45 V. "B" batteries in series to give +180 V., and connect the two 7½ V. "C" batteries to give -13½ V. Plug a pair of headphones into the double tip jack for phones and turn the "Transmit-Receive" switch to the right (Receive position). If everything is in order the characteristic hissing sound of super-regeneration will be heard in the phones. If the transceiver does not super-regenerate, disconnect all the batteries and recheck the wiring completely. Plug a sensitive single-button microphone into the double tip jack for microphone. (The microphone current is supplied by the "A" battery.) Turn the "Transmit-Receive" switch to the "Transmit" position. With a short piece of wire momentarily ground the upper pin of the double tip jack for phones to the chassis. Speech should now be heard clearly in the headphones. (Ordinarily, in transmitting, the phones are disconnected by the "Transmit-Receive" switch to avoid microphonic feedback.)

If the transceiver has been found to test properly, connect the inner winding of the 5 meter coil to the 2 stand-off insulators on the top of the cover with 6 in. lengths of wire. Then clip the cover over the chassis, fastening the two together with 3 self-tapping screws on each side.

### Antenna

Because of the harmonic effect, an ordinary broadcast or short-wave antenna may be used for 5 meter work with fair results. In this case, the antenna is connected to either stand-off insulator, while a ground is connected to the other. If a doublet antenna is used the lead-in is connected to both stand-off insulators and no ground is used.

However, for the most efficient operation any one of the various types of 5 meter antennas should be used. An efficient antenna is obtained by suspending an 8, 16, 32, 64 or 128 ft. length of wire horizontally or vertically and as high as possible (the higher—the better the results) and connect a lead-in to it at a point 1/7 of its length away from the center. The lead-in must extend at right angles to the antenna for a distance equal to at least ¼ of the antenna's length. The rest of the lead-in may then be of any length and is connected to one of the stand-off insulators. The other stand-off insulator may be connected to ground or left unconnected entirely.

For portable operation, the simplest antenna is a 4 ft. length of copper or aluminum wire.

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## Working With One Hand Tied Behind?

How often have you spent hours, perhaps days, trying to locate the cause of oscillation in a radio receiver? You checked the screen bypass capacitor—tried to lower the screen potential—removed the tuning capacitor and cleaned the wiping contacts, installed pig tails, bonded the shielding, and tried to re-align the tuning stages, but still the radio oscillated and refused to operate satisfactorily.

Then, you probably packed up the receiver and carried it to a jobber whose service department may have repeated your "cut and try" methods in an effort to locate the trouble. Finally, a procedure of substitution of parts was tried as a last resort, and it was found that the trouble cleared up when one of the electrolytic filter capacitors was replaced.

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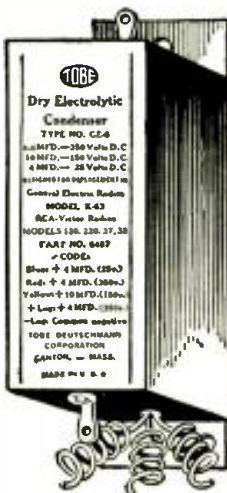
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  - One I.C.A. 6 terminal strip;
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EDITOR, RADIO-CRAFT:

I am a reader from the rural sections of Canada.

If I may offer my comments, would say that I would like to see more articles concerning battery or rural-type sets, and would it not be possible to devote a page or two solely for the benefit of beginners who, as you know, constitute the future market for radio equipment, magazines, etc.?

In this part of the country we have no power lines and no doubt you have many such readers. I may say that in this country practically every one has a wind-driven generator with which we keep our "A" batteries charged and they work fine.

If you think it would be of sufficient interest, can you publish the constructional details of an "A" battery eliminator which would deliver around 175 V. from a 6 V. "A" supply (without too much drain from the "A")?

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These comments by Mr. Box represent the expressions of a great number of readers of RADIO-CRAFT, and for that reason we continually present in our magazine much that is of an elementary nature. (See the crystal set, and 1 and 2 tube receiver articles by Mr. F. R. Harris, in past issues.) We hope that our more technically advanced readers will forbear to comment too harshly concerning some of our pages which seem to be "too elementary" (as some of our readers have put it).

The schematic circuit, and a description of the use of a "tube-type" "B" unit operating from a 6 V. "A" battery are contained in the article, "Build This All-Wave Set," in the November, 1934, issue of RADIO-CRAFT (a correction concerning this "B" circuit appears in the INFORMATION BUREAU of the current, January number): A "how-to-make" article concerning a "B" unit is the one entitled, "A 'B' Supply for Farm or Auto Sets," on page 280 of the same issue. The December number contains, on page 344, the article, "How to Build a Tubeless 'B' Supply." Units of the rotary type (such as the motor-generator) also are recommended.

Regarding "beginners" material, we are reluctant to print very much in the nature of elementary articles concerning radio theory, inasmuch as the shelves of the thousands of public libraries throughout the country are heavily "bowed down" with books that go into the subject of elementary theory from every conceivable angle; also, most of our readers are practical radio men—not only professionals, who make their living in the various fields of radio, but, as well, experimenters and amateurs—who, by reason of expensive self-tuition in the School of Hard Knocks or the more gentle education one derives from a resident—or correspondence-school course, have mastered the essential fundamentals of radio.

Instead, we believe, and we are sure that most of our readers will agree with us, that a page devoted to something new, something different, something original, THAT CANNOT BE FOUND IN BOOKS, is to be preferred to material that, at best, can only be considered as a "re-hash" of text-book material.

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## NEW DESIGN IN ALL-WAVE ANTENNAS

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### Improving All Doublets

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It is also well understood in radio engineering circles that a doublet antenna cut to a size which is most efficient on the short-wave band will not function satisfactorily when used in the broadcast band. For this reason the transformers shown at either side of the dotted line (in Fig. 1A) are utilized to carry the broadcast signal into the transmission line at a considerable gain over the signal which would be possible without these transformers. In this case the impedance of the transformer is very much lower than the impedance of the fixed condenser and the incoming broadcast signal passes through the transformer in preference to the condenser.

NOTE:—It should be borne in mind that in each half of this antenna impedance-matching device we have a tuned circuit comprising the inductance L1 and condenser C1 in one case, and L1 and C2 in the other case. Both these circuits have infinite impedance at the frequency to which they are tuned and therefore this point of resonant frequency must be located in some portion of the frequency spectrum which is not used for either the short-wave or the regular broadcast bands.

### Special Adaptations

Where any type of doublet is used, including double-doublet arrangements, the system shown in Fig. 1D improves performance. The fundamental circuit is shown in Figs. 1A and 1B. Both the units shown are coupled together by means of the necessary length of special cable, in the manner shown in Fig. 1D. One distinctive feature of this arrangement is that the length of this cable is not important. It can be any length from a few feet to several hundred feet.

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The manner in which the duplex coupling device, shown in Fig. 1A, operates has been described. Fig. 1B, represents one of the receiver impedance-matching devices of an early type in which a multi-point rotary switch was employed. This has been replaced by the improved type of unit shown in Fig. 1C. The use of pins and pin jacks assures perfect contact and prevents moisture getting inside the unit, through the switch opening.

It is important to keep the leads from the receiver transformer as short as possible. The red and black wire, supplied with the transformer are of the correct length and they should not be lengthened. This is particularly true of the black wire. Increasing the length of the black wire will tend to throw the entire system out of balance, resulting in a reduction in its noise-reducing properties.

On receivers equipped with wires in place of binding posts, connect to those wires; the antenna wire, coming from the receiver should be cut very short.

For the best results, on all bands, it is suggested that the user try the various connections and keep a record of those which prove most suitable. In the vast majority of instances the best results will be had from inserting the tip of the black wire in A3 and the tip of the red wire in either A1 or A2 and leaving them there.

The difference between the doublet system (Fig. 1D), and that shown in Fig. 2 (commonly referred to as a "zep" or zeppelin-type antenna, in radio parlance) is that the lead-in wire is taken from one end instead of from the center, as in the case of the doublet or doublet-doublet.

This type of system may be made to have the same noise-reducing properties as the regular doublet system by the proper application of the transmission line and receiver impedance-matching transformer.

The details for connecting the transmission line to the antenna are shown in Fig. 3B. The connections at the lower end of the transmission line are identical to those shown in the lower-half of Fig. 1D.

Best results are secured when the horizontal portion of the aerial is in a straight line. However, where space is limited, this portion may be zig-zagged without serious loss. In making such an installation, no section of the horizontal portion should be nearer than 90 percent to any other section, as shown in Fig. 2. The length of any individual leg is unimportant and may be any dimension which convenience permits.

## DUAL-RANGE SUPERHET

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R.F. and oscillator coils, and a three-section, double-throw switch. The various circuits, made and broken as this switch is thrown, are indicated in the schematic circuit diagram.

Referring to the antenna transformer in this diagram, T1 is the broadcast transformer and T2 the short-wave transformer. The two primaries are connected in series. With the switch in the short-wave position, the short-wave secondary is connected to the grid circuit of the 6D6 R.F. amplifier tube and the broadcast secondary is short-circuited. When the switch is in the broadcast position, the short-wave secondary circuit is opened up and the broadcast secondary is connected to the grid circuit of this tube. The secondary being used, is tuned by the R.F. section of the 3 gang condenser. A separate variable trimmer condenser C2 is used for the short-wave secondary.

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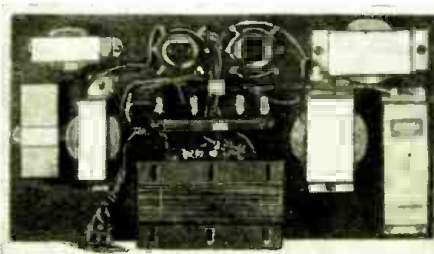
### The Amplifier and Power Supply: Electrical

Referring to Fig. 1, the input is designed to accommodate a 200-ohm line, a 500-ohm line or a double-button carbon microphone. The input transformer feeds from either of these into the grid of a type 57 tube. The output of this tube which is operated as a pentode, is impedance coupled into the succeeding tube, also a type 57. The coupling choke has been designed to possess a very high inductance with relatively low distributed capacity. This is necessary to extend the frequency response at both the low and high frequency ends of the spectrum. The second tube is a type 57 which has its screen and suppressor grids connected to the plate and thus operates as a triode. Under these conditions the tube has an amplification factor of 21, plate impedance of 10,500 ohms, a mutual conductance of 2,000 micromhos and a power output sufficient to drive the power stage. The output of this tube is coupled to the power stage input through the medium of a push-pull input transformer. A push-pull plate to voice coil output transformer transfers the energy from the power stage to speakers.

Both these transformers have been designed for class AB operation. The impedances available from the secondary of the output transformer are 8 and 4 ohms. This permits of several speaker combinations. Bias for the first and second stages is obtained by means of bias resistors from cathode to "B" minus. Ample bypassing is provided to minimize degeneration and extend the low-frequency range of which the transformers are capable. The screen-grid and plate supplies of the second stage are each passed through its individual resistance-capacity filter to provide stability and eliminate common-source coupling. Inasmuch as class AB operation is a comparatively recent development, a word as to its mode of operation is in order.

The tubes are slightly overbiased so that with low signal levels they operate as class A. At high signal levels grid current flows alternately in each tube on the positive half of the cycle when the grid signal voltage exceeds the negative bias voltage. The magnitude of the grid current is considerably less than if the tubes were operated class B. Hence the intermediate condition—"class AB." The flow of grid cur-

Underside view of power supply.



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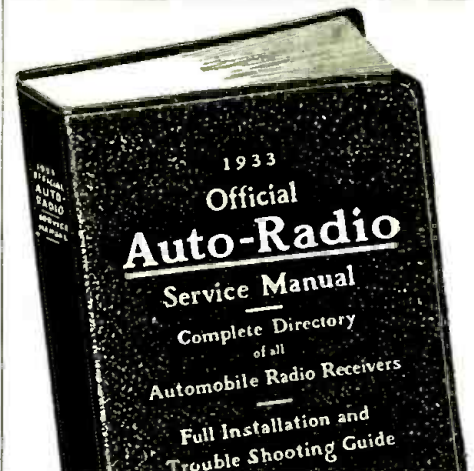
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rent increases the useful linear portion of the tube characteristic and greatly increases the power output. Naturally the transformers associated with such an arrangement must be correctly designed for the purpose.

It is well to point out here two things of importance. First: the tubes utilized in the power stage are the 45 type which are inexpensive and economical in a class AB system. Second: Successful operation of a class AB amplifier requires a low-voltage regulation in both the plate and grid bias supplies. Regulation in the plate supply has been brought to a negligible minimum by correct design and great care in manufacture of the transformers and chokes. Use of the mercury vapor rectifier tube minimizes regulation from this source. There remains only the one offender—the bias resistor from filament center-tap to "B" minus. This has been eliminated and a bias power supply substituted in its place. It is important that the bias voltage on the power stage grids remain constant. The bias supply accomplishes this.

Inasmuch as the transformers and chokes in both the amplifier and power supply are the very heart of an amplifying system, not enough emphasis can be placed upon the importance of correct design and care exercised in manufacture. The units utilized in this amplifier and power supply possess both of these necessary qualifications. Conservative ratings, high-grade materials, liberal use of insulating material, high safety factor and great care in assembly make for a uniform, dependable, efficient, quality product of long life. All coils in these units are impregnated and baked under a vacuum; a special process which makes them impervious to moisture and greatly minimizes the possibility of breakdown.

As shown in Fig. 2, the high-voltage power supply is comprised of a power transformer, a type 83 mercury vapor rectifier tube and a double-section filter. Choke input is utilized for the excellent voltage regulation it provides. A bleeder resistor is shunted across the filter output to maintain the proper voltage, whether the amplifier is turned "on" or not. This is a measure of precaution to protect the electrolytic filter condensers which might be subjected to the peak voltage if no load were present.

The bias voltage power supply consists of a transformer designed for this purpose, a type 82 tube as a half-wave rectifier and a single choke with two filter condensers (condenser input) as filter. A suitable bleeder resistor is connected across the output of the filter. The rectified grid currents of the power stage are a very small percentage of the bleeder current so that there is practically no change in bias voltage with full power output. The result is a "fixed bias" which is so essential. The filament of the rectifier tube is excited by a winding on the "B" power transformer.

An idea of the efficiency can readily be gained when it is realized that the total power consumed is less than 100 watts, at full power output.

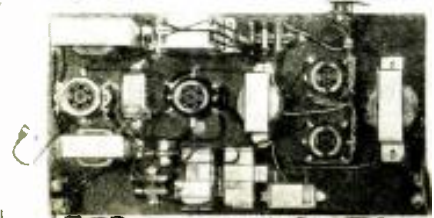
In cases where it is desirable to mix more than one channel into the amplifier a mixer arrangement can be used. Reference to the wiring diagram, Fig. 2A, will show how this can be accomplished.

### Mechanical

While economy has been a guiding factor in the electrical design it is evident that this has not been neglected in the mechanical design.

The amplifier and power supply are each contained in their own sheet steel boxes. Thickness of the box material was determined with regard to strength and weight. Louvers on three sides provide adequate ventilation. The control equipment such as volume control for the amplifier

Underside view of amplifier



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and "on-off" power switch for the power supply is mounted on the front panels of the respective units. These panels are fastened to the boxes by means of tapped flanges which are an integral part of the box. Two miniature handles known as "Footman's Loops" are fastened one to each end of each box. By the simple expedient of fastening either a leather or woven-cloth belt to these loops the units can be easily moved about by merely slinging over the shoulder in portable work. The component parts of both units are mounted on their respective wood baseboards. This involves a minimum of assembly labor and facilitates removal of either unit from the box as a complete assembly whenever occasion might arise.

Mounting of the bleeder resistors in the power supply is simple but very effective. The mounting screws pass through holes in the resistor lugs and down through pillars to the wood base board. Thus the resistor is free from contact with the board and mounted quite rigidly.

The photographs of the two units show the plan layout of the amplifier and location of the component parts. It is recommended that this arrangement be followed closely as possible.

Attention is called to the manner in which the input, output, and power transfer are provided for. This is accomplished by means of a plug receptacle arrangement which has proved itself most satisfactory. The plugs have rubber caps which extend along the cable and relieve stress from the connection when the cables are moved about.

The thought given to safety is readily apparent in the method used for bringing the power line to the power supply unit. A recessed flush motor plug receptacle is located on the box. The power cord is connected to a body connector which fits into the recessed receptacle. In the event that the power cord should be alive when the body connector is removed from the receptacle, there are no exposed blades, thus eliminating the possibility of a short-circuit or shock.

### Conclusion

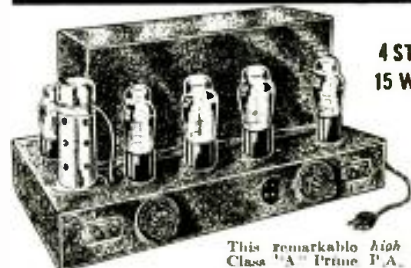
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- (1) Keep all grid and plate leads separated as much as possible.
- (2) Keep grid and plate leads from close proximity to wires carrying alternating current (in this case, filament wires).
- (3) Filament wires should be twisted up to the socket terminals to keep radiated fields to a minimum.
- (4) To eliminate possibility of undesired, spurious coupling bring all wires which return to ground, to a SINGLE COMMON GROUND POINT.
- (5) Wire the power supply and input-output receptacles to their proper places before placing the units in their respective boxes. This will provide for a finished job and eliminate unnecessary lengths of wire when the units are placed in the boxes and the receptacles screwed into place.
- (6) Under certain conditions depending upon the degree of coupling outside the amplifier box between input and output, it may be found advisable to ground one side of the low impedance output and the primary center-tap of the input transformer.
- (7) Connect all transformer cores to ground.

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- One Kenyon type KR-45 driver transformer;
- One Kenyon type KR-462 output transformer;
- One Kenyon type KR-1 power transformer;
- One Kenyon type K-15C bias transformer;
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- Two Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox filter condensers, 25 mf., 35 V.;
- Two Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox filter condensers, 1 mf., 400 V.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox condenser, .5-mf., 400 V.;
- One Cornell-Dubilier or Aerovox condenser, .1-mf., 400 V.;
- Two metal clamps for 25 mf. condensers;
- One metal clamp for dual 4-8 mf. condenser;
- Five plate filter and "C" bias resistors;
- One Electrad bleeder resistor, 40 W.;
- One Electrad bleeder resistor, 5 W.;
- One tube shield, base and cap;
- One Electrad volume control;
- Two screen-grid caps;
- One knob for volume control;
- One face-plate for volume control;
- Two 7-contact power transfer plugs with rubber caps;
- Two 3-contact power transfer receptacles;
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- One recessed flush motor plug receptacle;
- One body connector with armored cord grip;
- One toggle switch with "on-off" plate;
- One coil wire for wiring;
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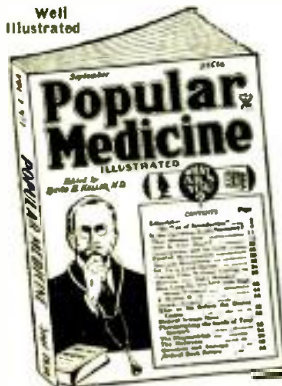
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### ATWATER KENT 260

A SHORT time ago there appeared in your columns an article regarding a set from which they had to take the transformer and bake it in an oven to show up the trouble. I am going to "go them one better." I had a late model Atwater Kent 260, which is the short-wave combination, which we had to put in a refrigerator to make the trouble appear!

This machine performed normally in the store before it was sold, but upon being placed in the customer's home, it would sometimes take from 2 to 3 hours before the set would start to operate after being turned on, although every time I made a service call, the machine would perform normally. We brought it into the shop and over a period of 2 or 3 days the machine failed to play sick. After questioning the owner closely, we found that the only times the machine failed to work was when they had been away from home and the house had been cold during the day. Finding this out, I put the chassis into a large Frigidaire and chilled it thoroughly, and it worked; that is, the set did not work, which was what we were looking for!

On checking through, I found a short in the first input A. F. Transformer. Upon removing this I discovered that the case was very full of tar, so much so, that the tar was pushing against the chassis. When pressure was released, in other words, when the tar was cold, it contracted and the short would appear. However, when pressure was applied to the tar, the same as when the machine warmed up the tar expanded, and the short would clear. I might mention that in this model there is a plate resistor mounted on the inside of the transformer case instead as had been former practice in the Atwater Kent. This was a little confusing at first since a test did not indicate a complete short.

### CROSLEY 30-S, 31-S, AND 34-S

THE trouble in these models seems to be centered in the electrolytic condenser—variable condenser assembly, and in the resistors. I find in case of hum the quickest method to locate the source of trouble is to put an 0 to 100 ma. milliammeter in series with each lead to the electrolytic condenser. If the drain in any section is over 5 ma., the section or sections should be replaced. I invariably find on these machines which have not been serviced for some time that the condenser bearings have worn to such an extent that the plates are too close on one side, and find it a very good policy in many cases to put a pigtail on these models, as the friction bearing is very hard to keep clean. A little care in centering the condenser plates will make a

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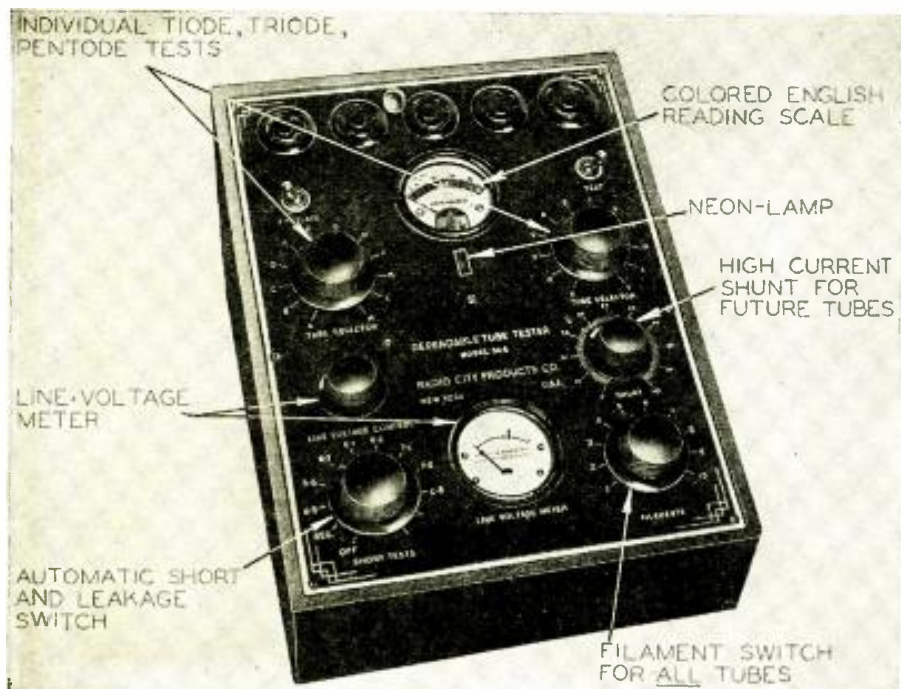
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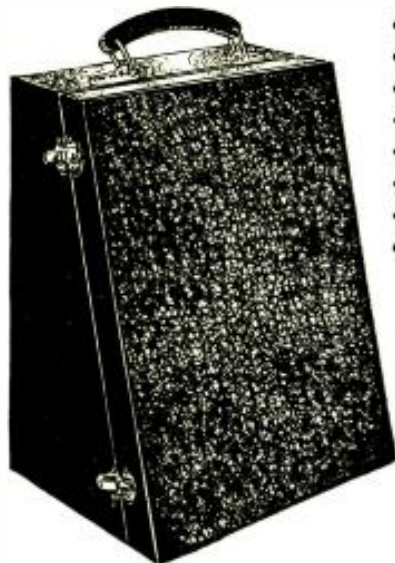


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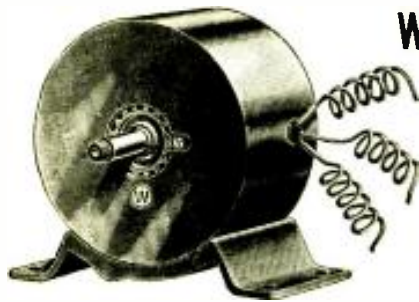
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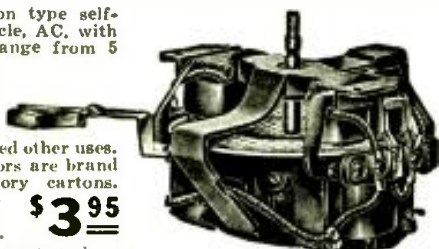
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the power converter is connected directly from the hot heater prong of the first R.F. type 78 tube.

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In about two months another call came in on this same set and the 80 socket was found to be in the same condition as before, although the other sockets were O.K.! The 80 socket was replaced this time with an old type having over ¾-in. between the plate terminals, and a heavy bakelite base. As there is a potential between 600 and 800 V. across the plates of this tube and there is only about 1½-in. between the terminals on some wafer sockets, the writer came to the conclusion that a film of dust and dampness possibly started the trouble, in the narrow gap. This conclusion was strengthened by the fact that the set has been operating satisfactorily ever since.

## GENERAL MOTORS 258

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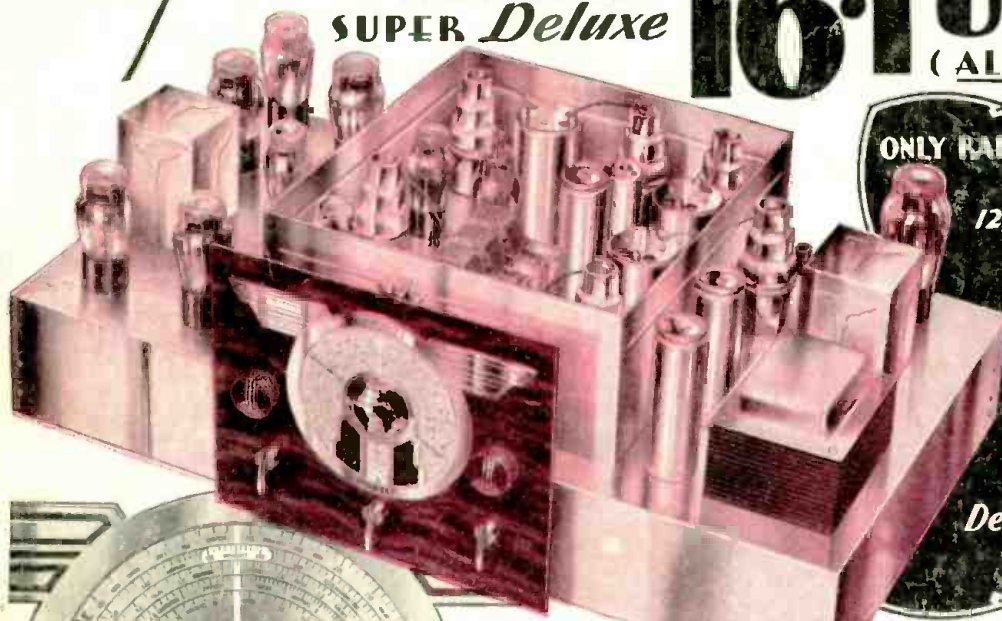
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